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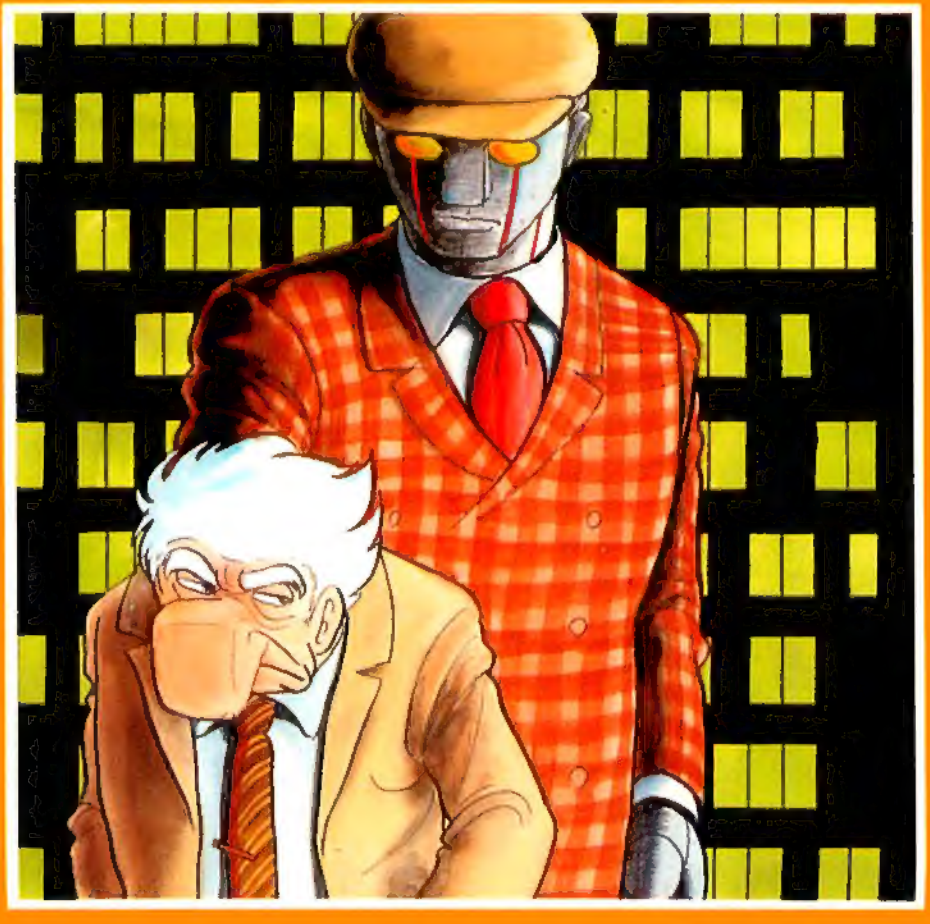

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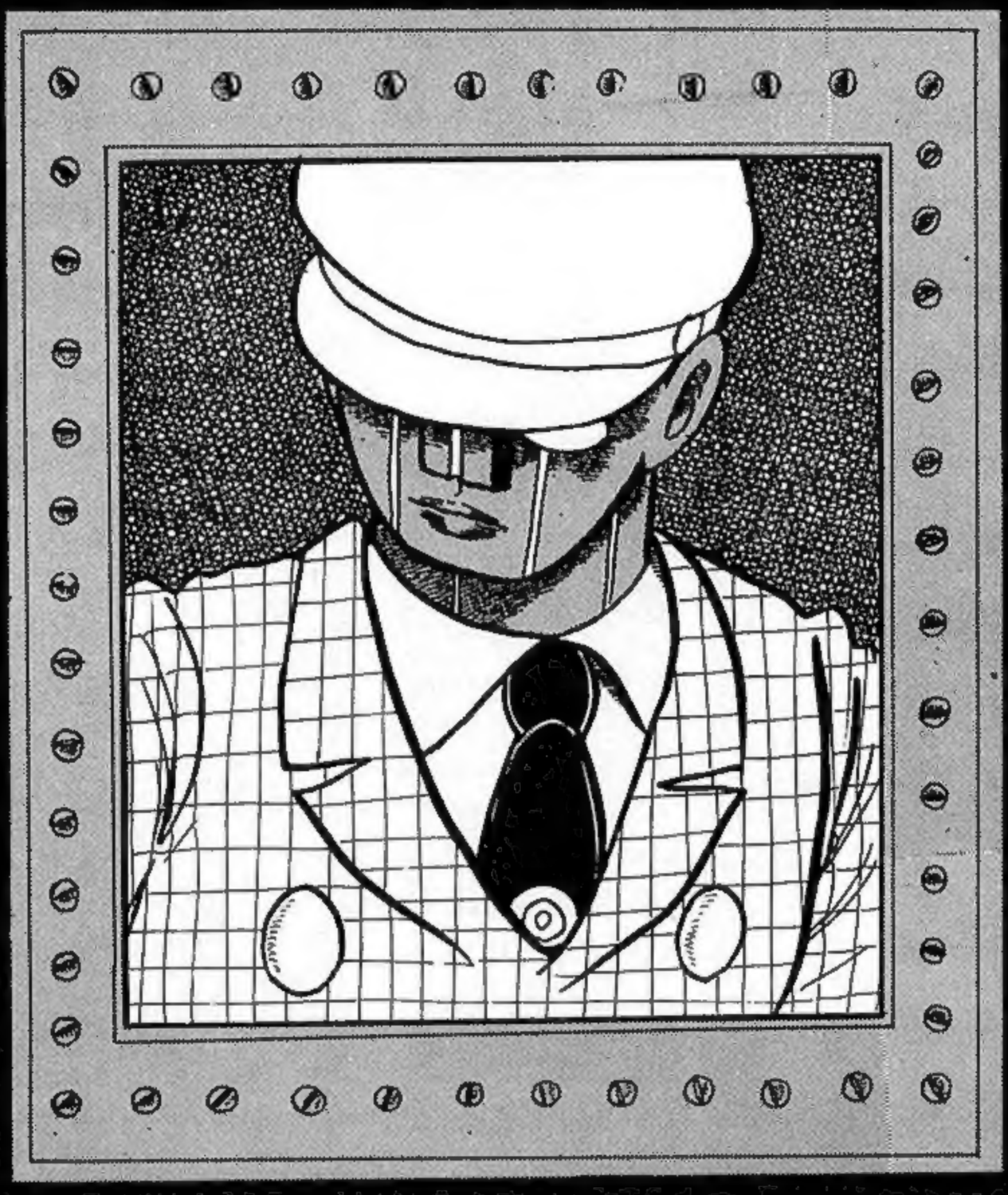

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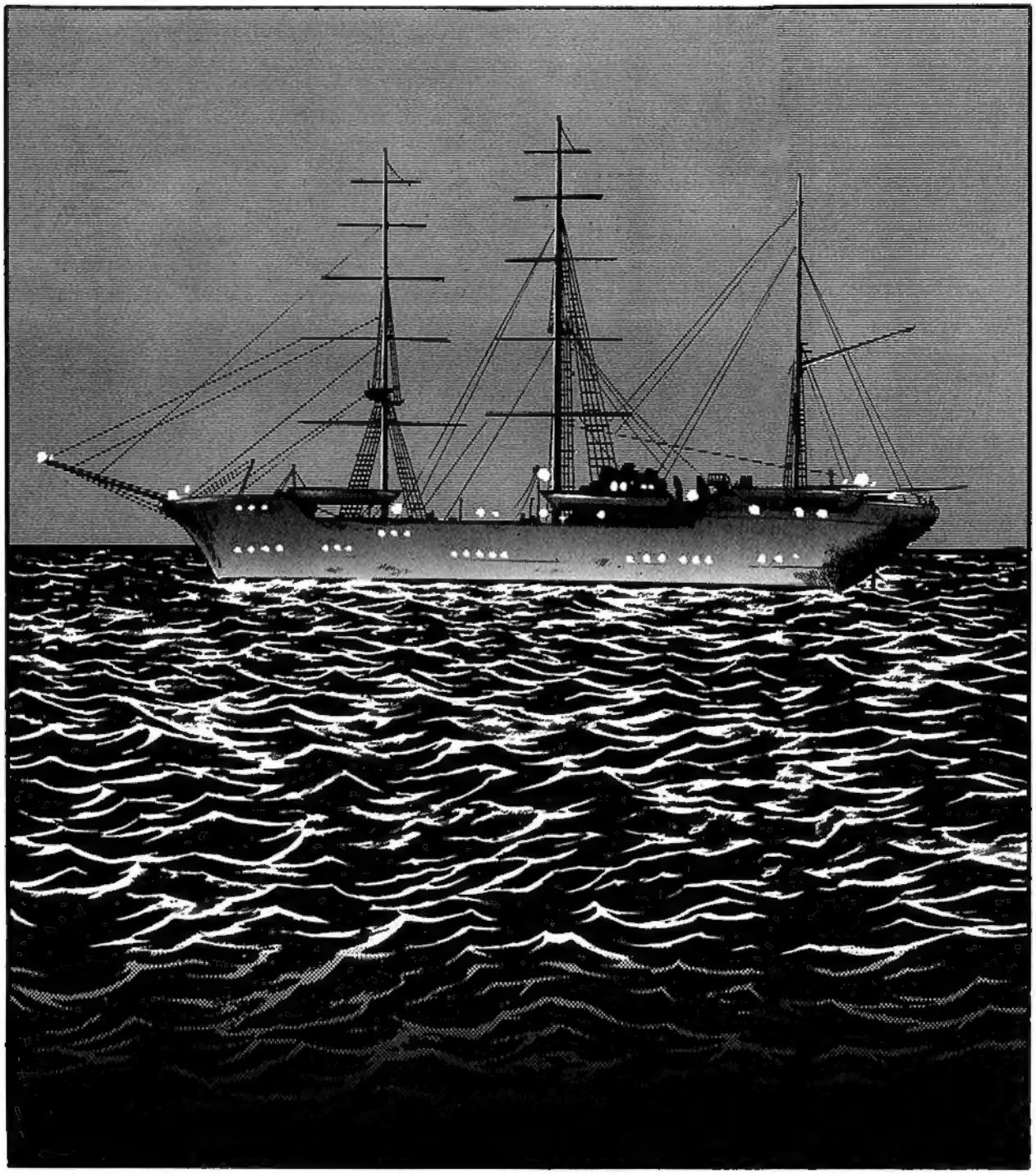

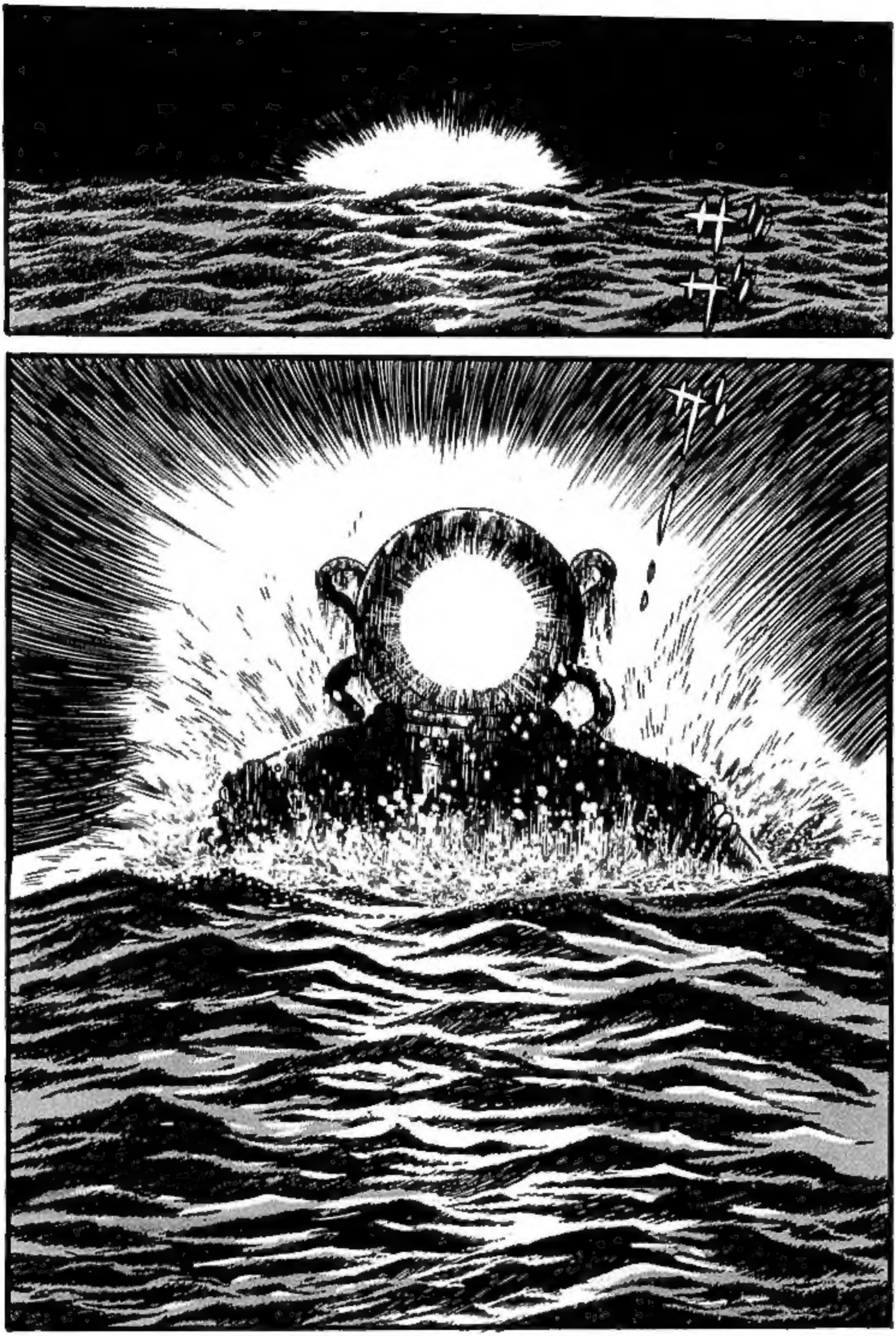

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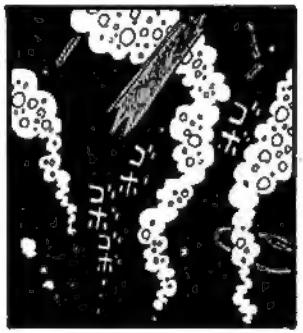
WHAT... WHAT IS THAT?!
WHO... WHOA, CAPTAIN!!
WHAT THE -?!
WHA... WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON?!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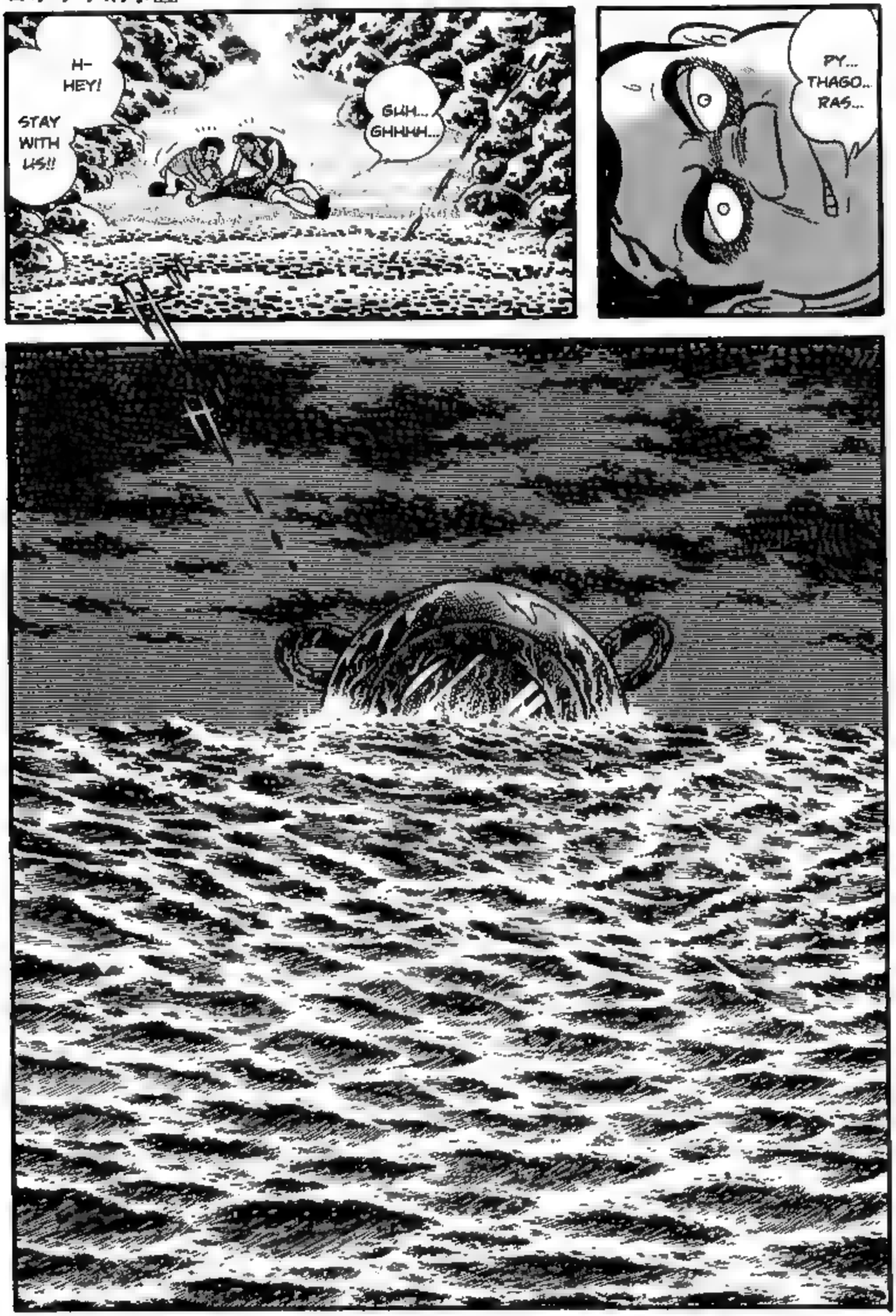
GOLDEN... TRIANGLE ...
RRGH...

...I THINK HE'S STILL ALIVE, CHAN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM...?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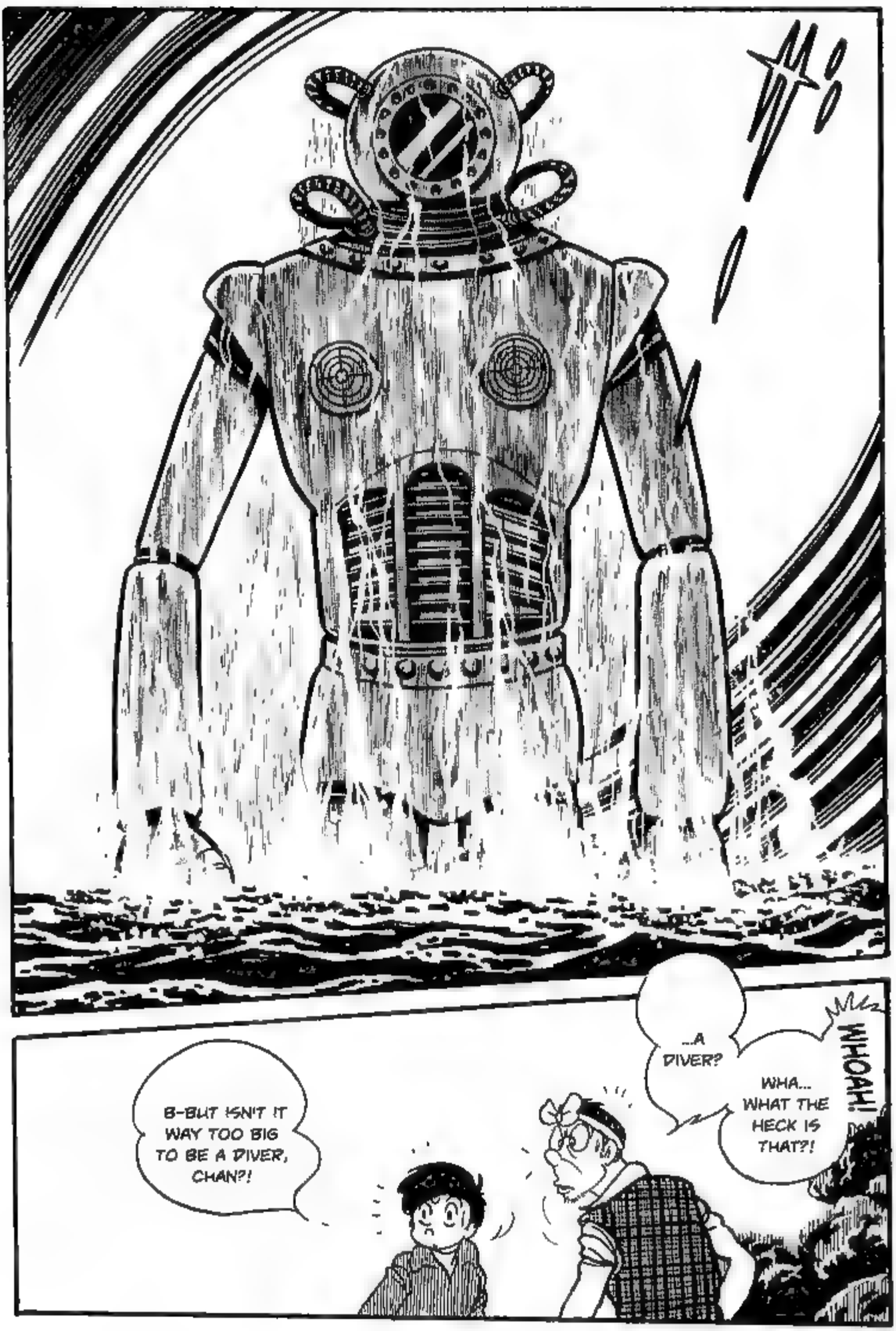
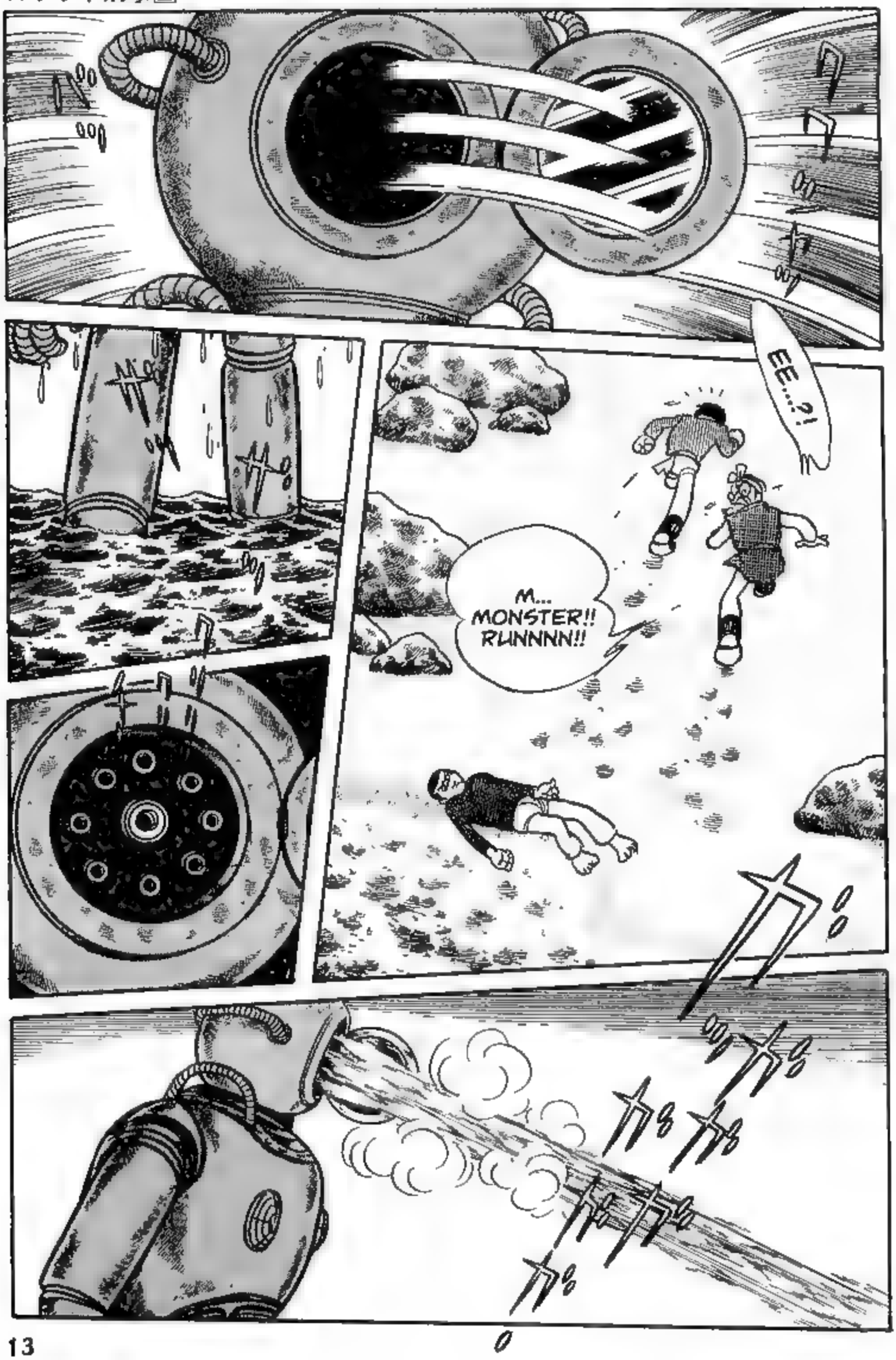
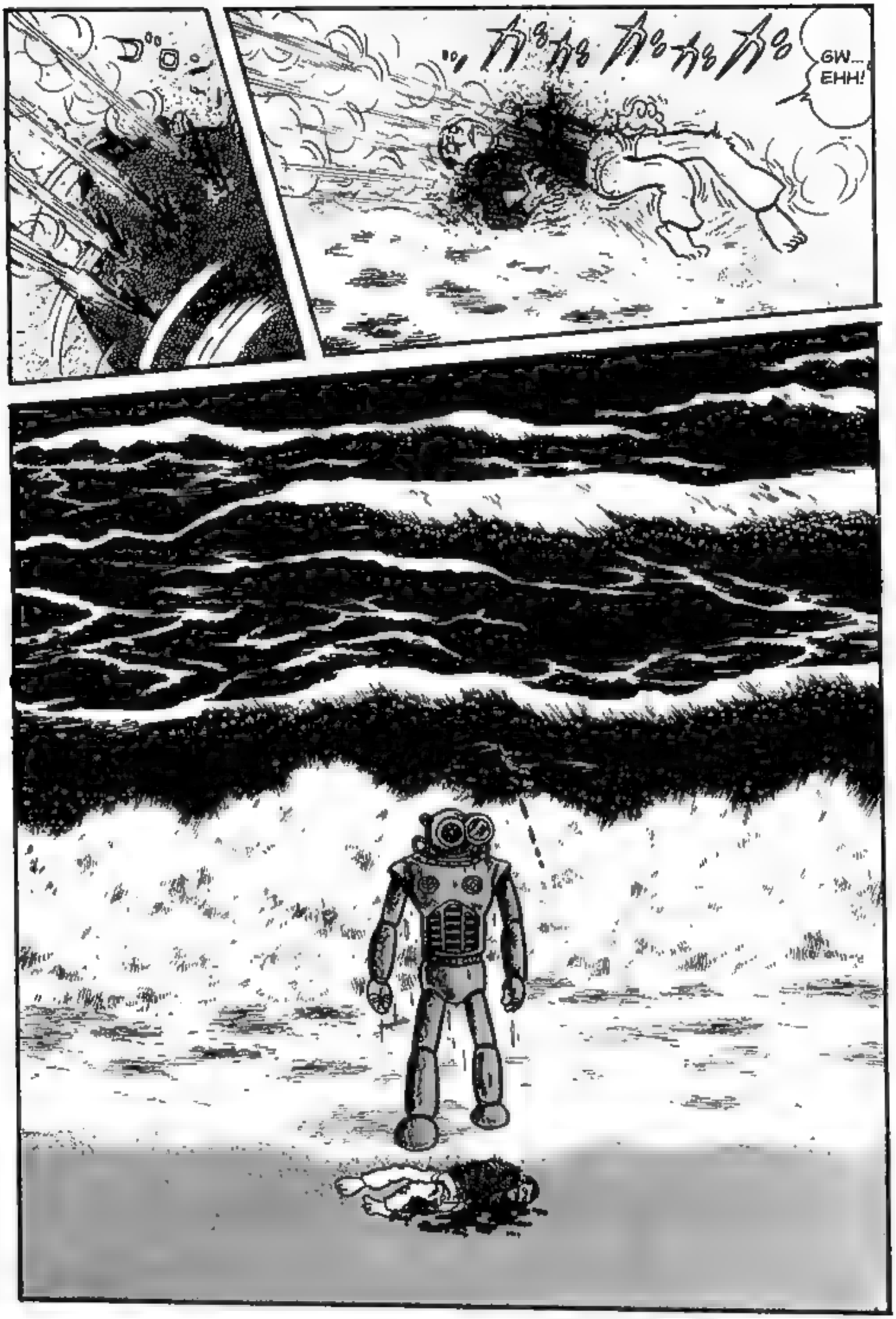
HEY!
STAY WITH US!!
GUH...
GHHHH...
PY...
THAGO..
RAS...


B-BUT ISN'T IT WAY TOO BIG TO BE A DIVER, CHAN?!
...A DIVER?
WHA... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
WHOAH!


EE...?!
M... MONSTER!! RUNNNN!!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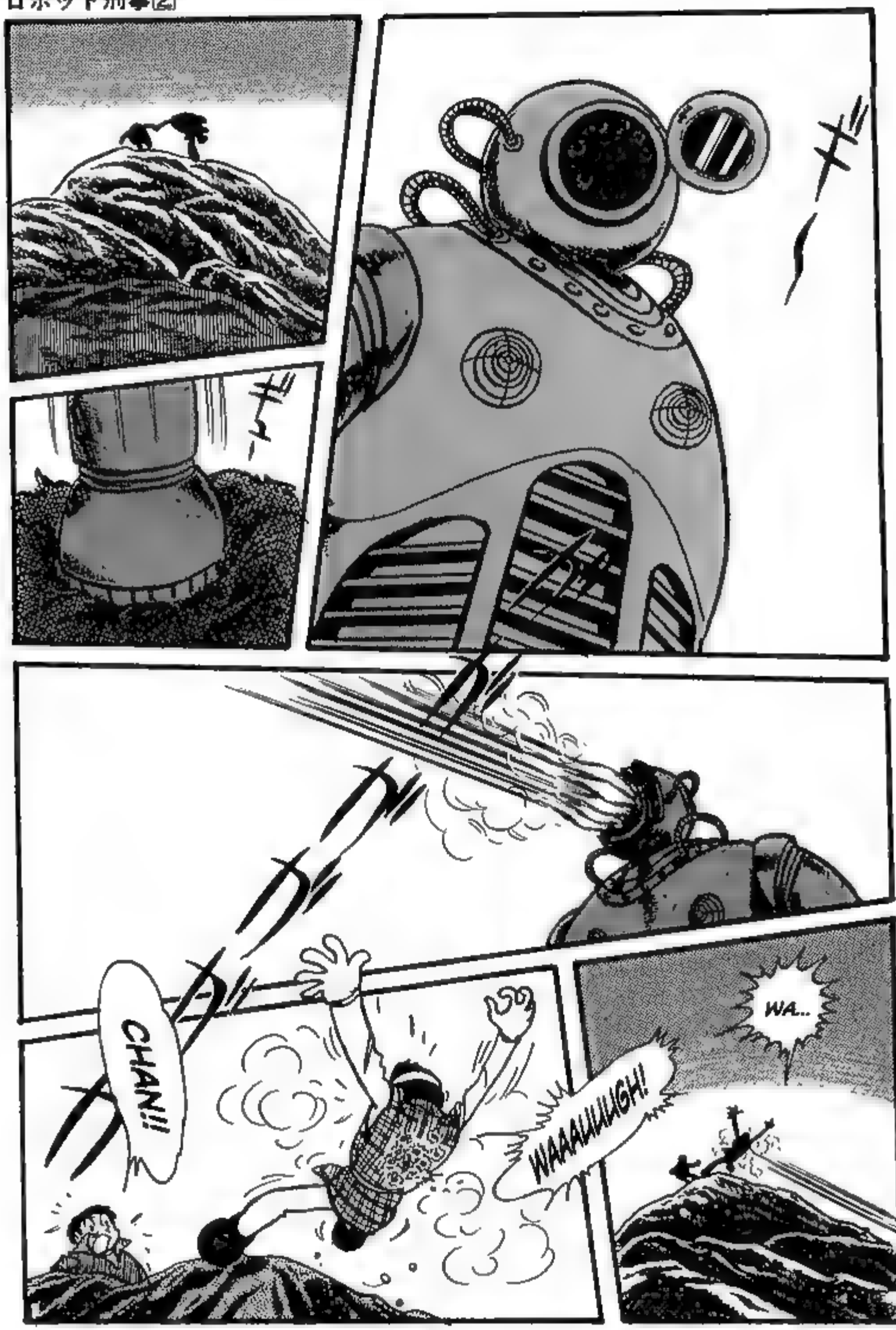
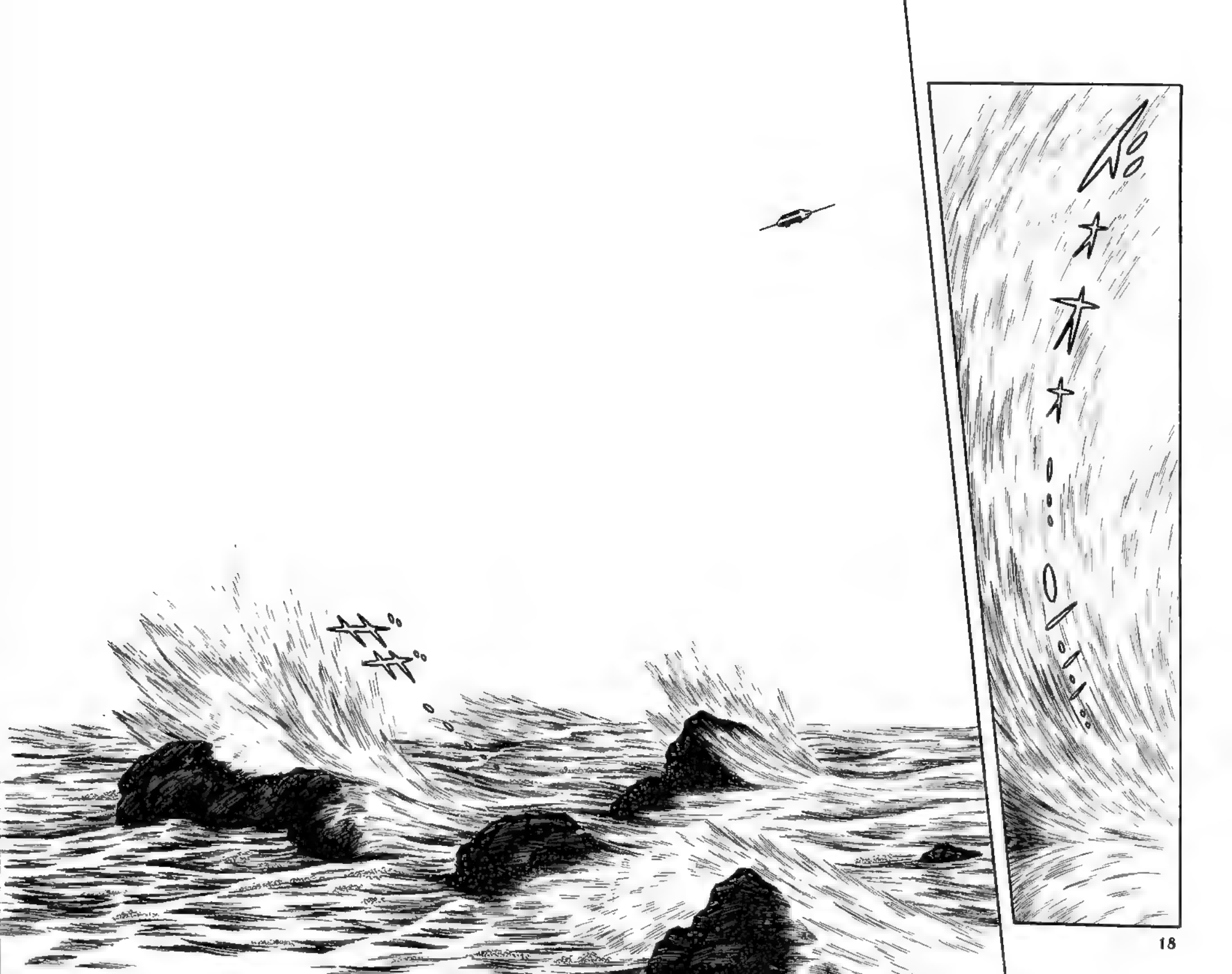

CHAN!!
WAAAAUUUGH!
WA...

CHAAAAAAAN!!

I HEARD A MACHINE GUN!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?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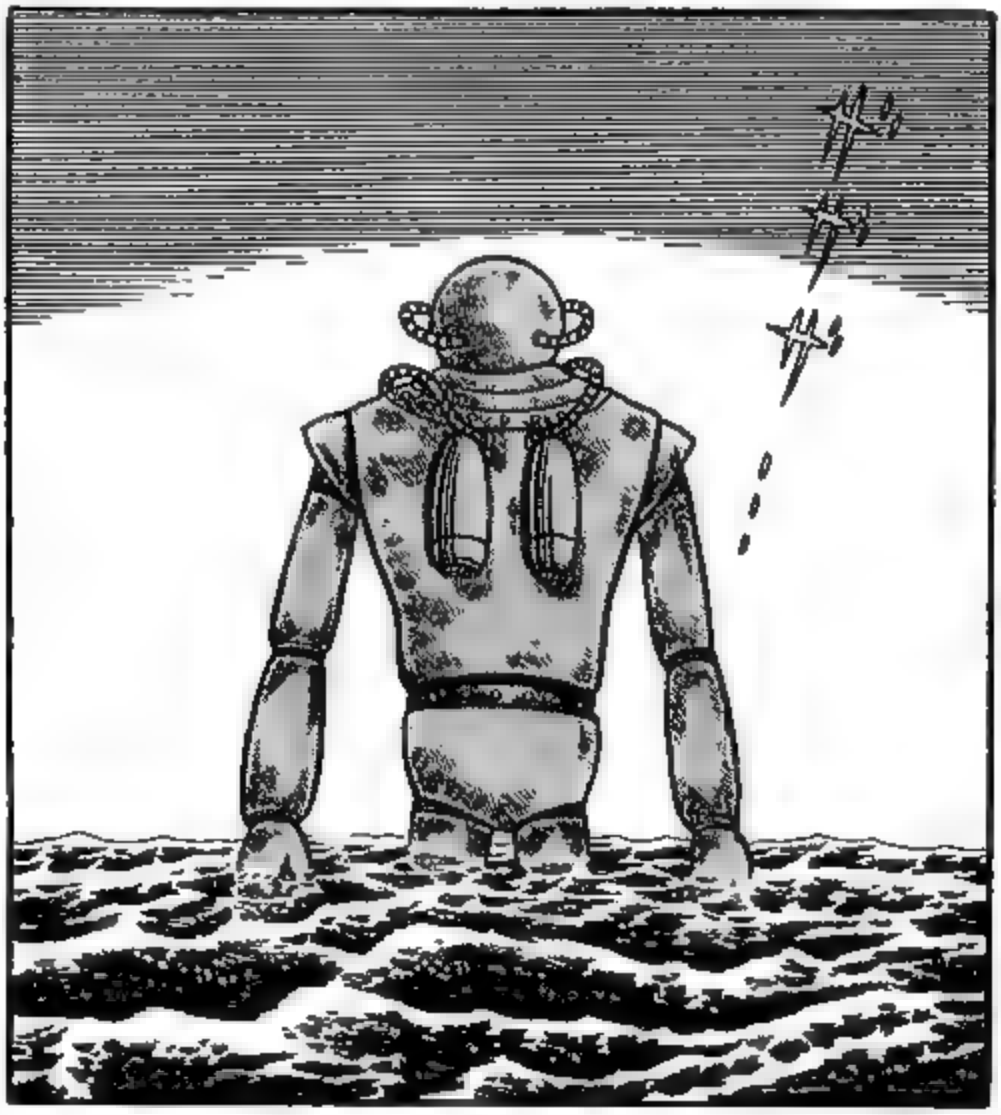
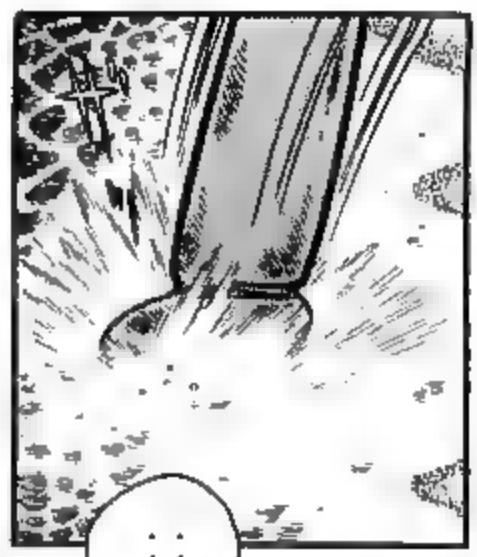




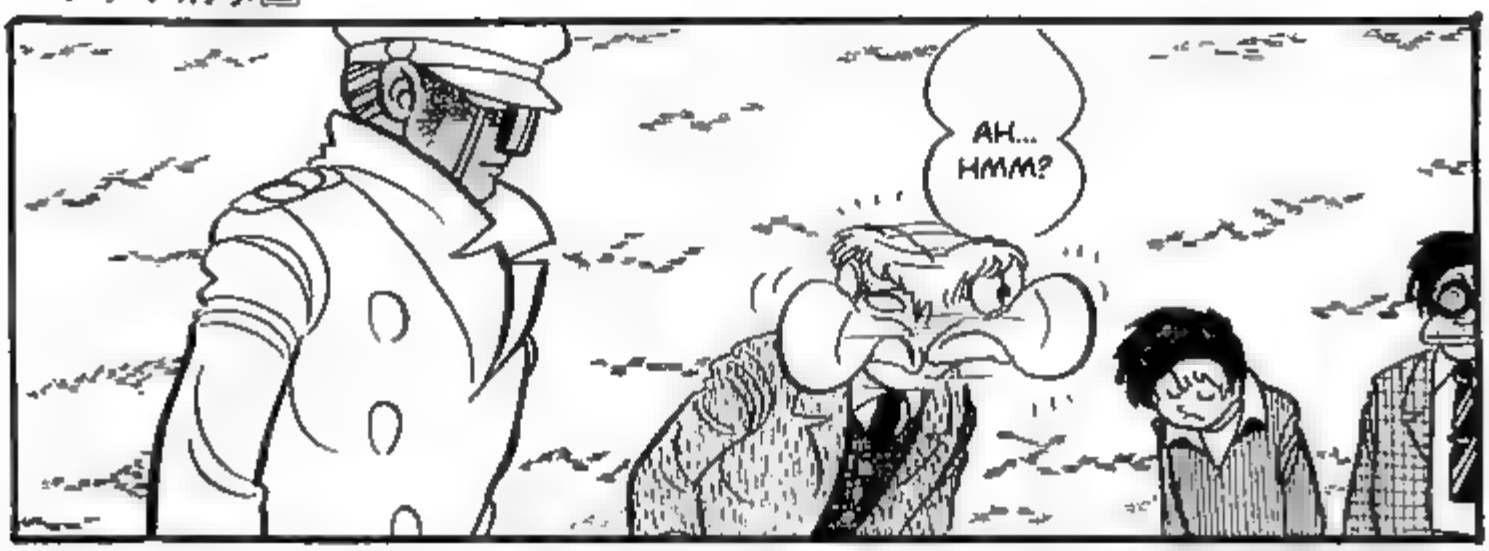
IS THIS IT?

...NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... IT WAS A ROBOT!

SOON AS I SAW THE REPORTS FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE, I KNEW IT HAD TO BE A ROBOT

...NOT LIKE I NEEDED FOOTPRINTS TO CONFIRM THAT, THOUGH.

WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM MR MATSUZAKI YOUICHIRO.
AS FOR THIS UNIDENTIFIED MAN, IT SEEMS HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE YACHT "POSEIDON" THAT EXPLODED OFF THE COAST OF THIS BEACH...
LET'S SEEEE ...
THE CASUALTIES WERE AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN... AND TWO LOCAL FISHERMAN THAT THE WITNESS NAMED... HIM.
THE CAPTAIN OF "POSEIDON" AND ONE OTHER BODY WERE FOUND TO HAVE DRIFTED ASHORE AT A NEARBY BEACH.
SO, THEN... WHEN THE TWO OF YOU FOUND HIM, MATSUZAKI WAS STILL ALIVE...?
PYTHAGORUS"...
"GOLDEN TRIANGLE...
DID HE SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?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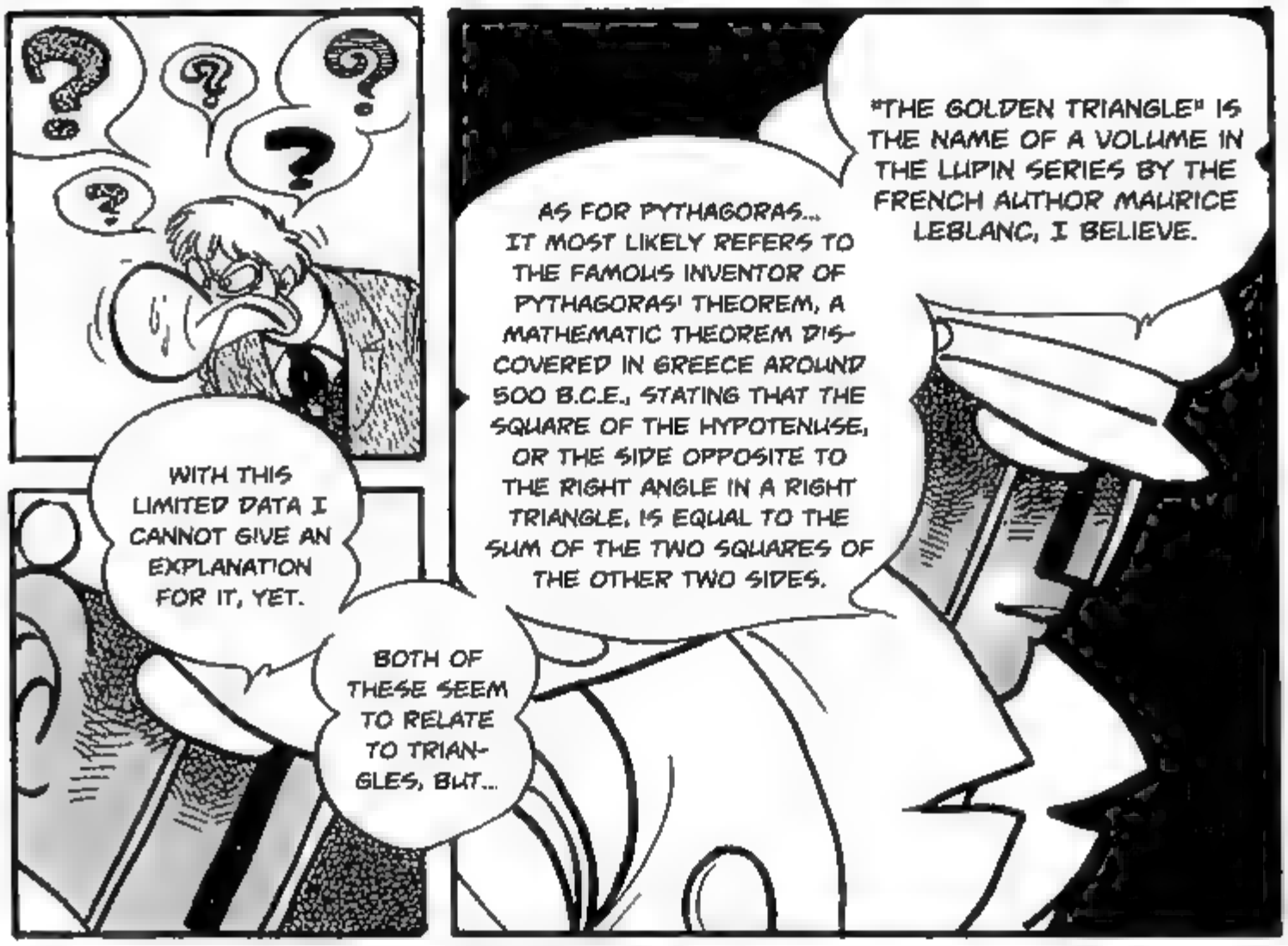
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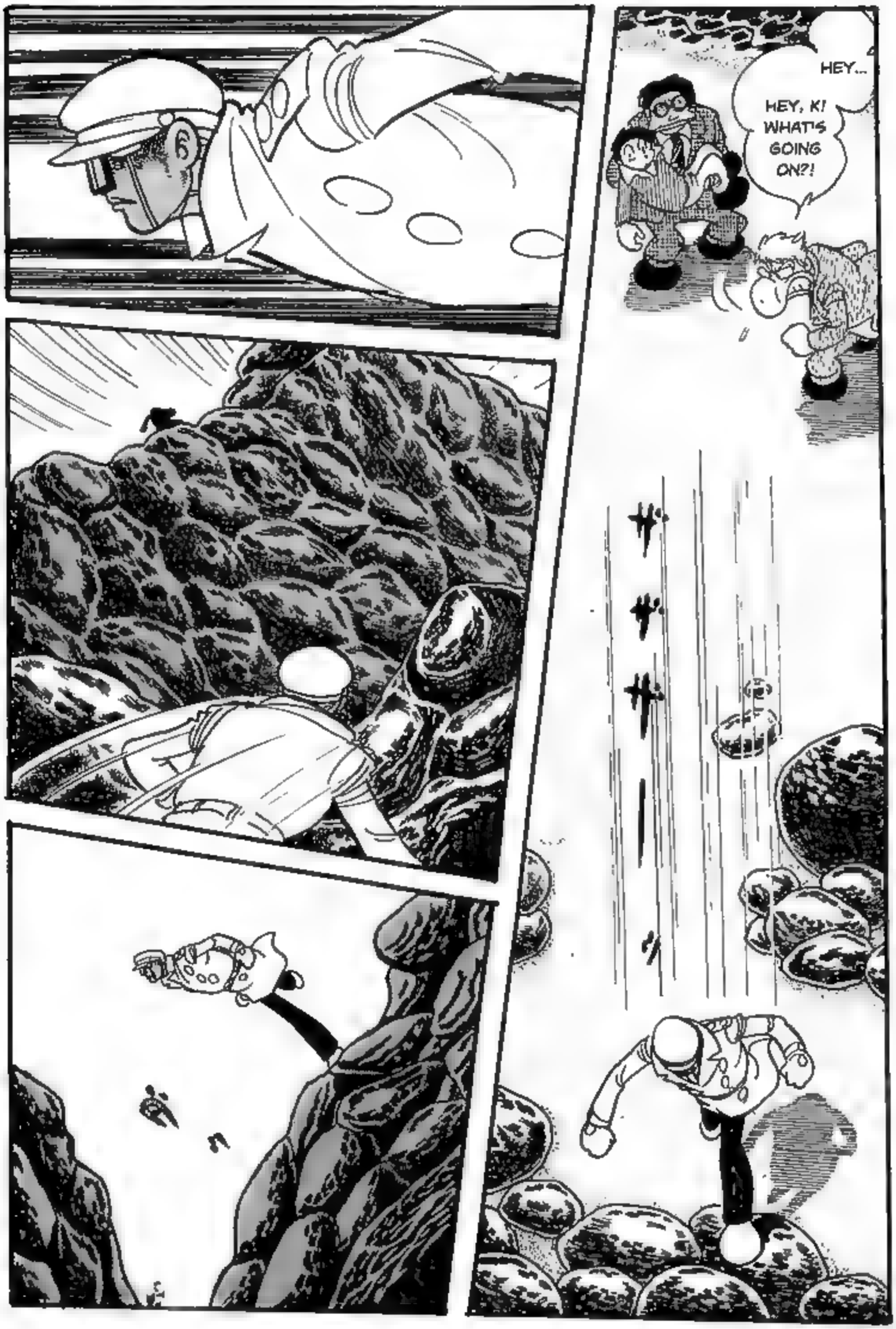
AS FOR PYTHAGORAS... IT MOST LIKELY REFERS TO THE FAMOUS INVENTOR OF PYTHAGORAS' THEOREM, A MATHEMATIC THEOREM DISCOVERED IN GREECE AROUND 500 B.C.E., STATING THAT THE SQUARE OF THE HYPOTENUSE, OR THE SIDE OPPOSITE TO THE RIGHT ANGLE IN A RIGHT TRIANGLE, IS EQUAL TO THE SUM OF THE TWO SQUARES OF THE OTHER TWO SIDES.
WITH THIS LIMITED DATA I CANNOT GIVE AN EXPLANATION FOR IT, YET.
BOTH OF THESE SEEM TO RELATE TO TRIANGLES, BUT...

NOW, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE...
HMPH. WELL, I GUESS THAT'S IT.


HEY...
HEY, K! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HMM-?!

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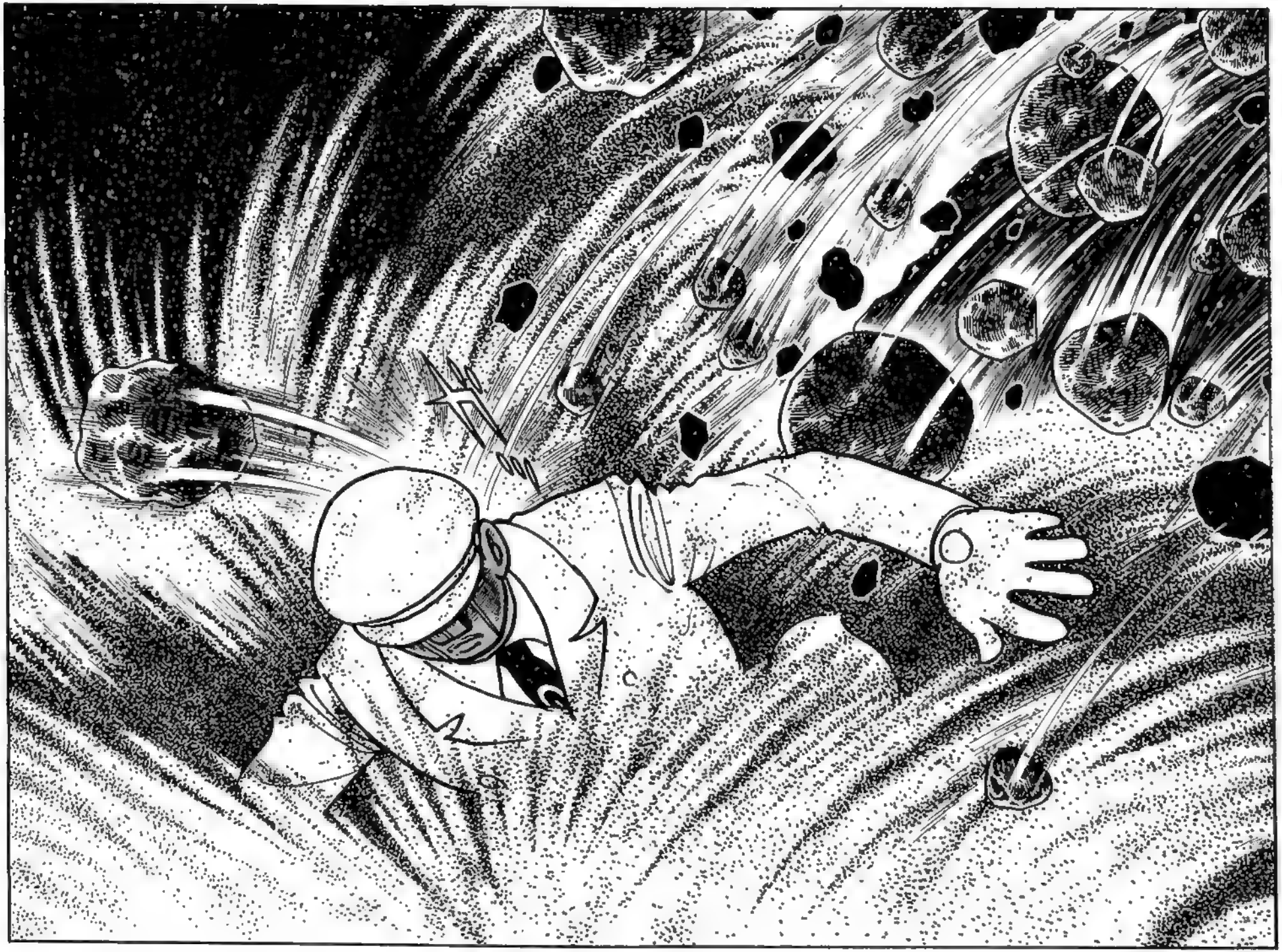
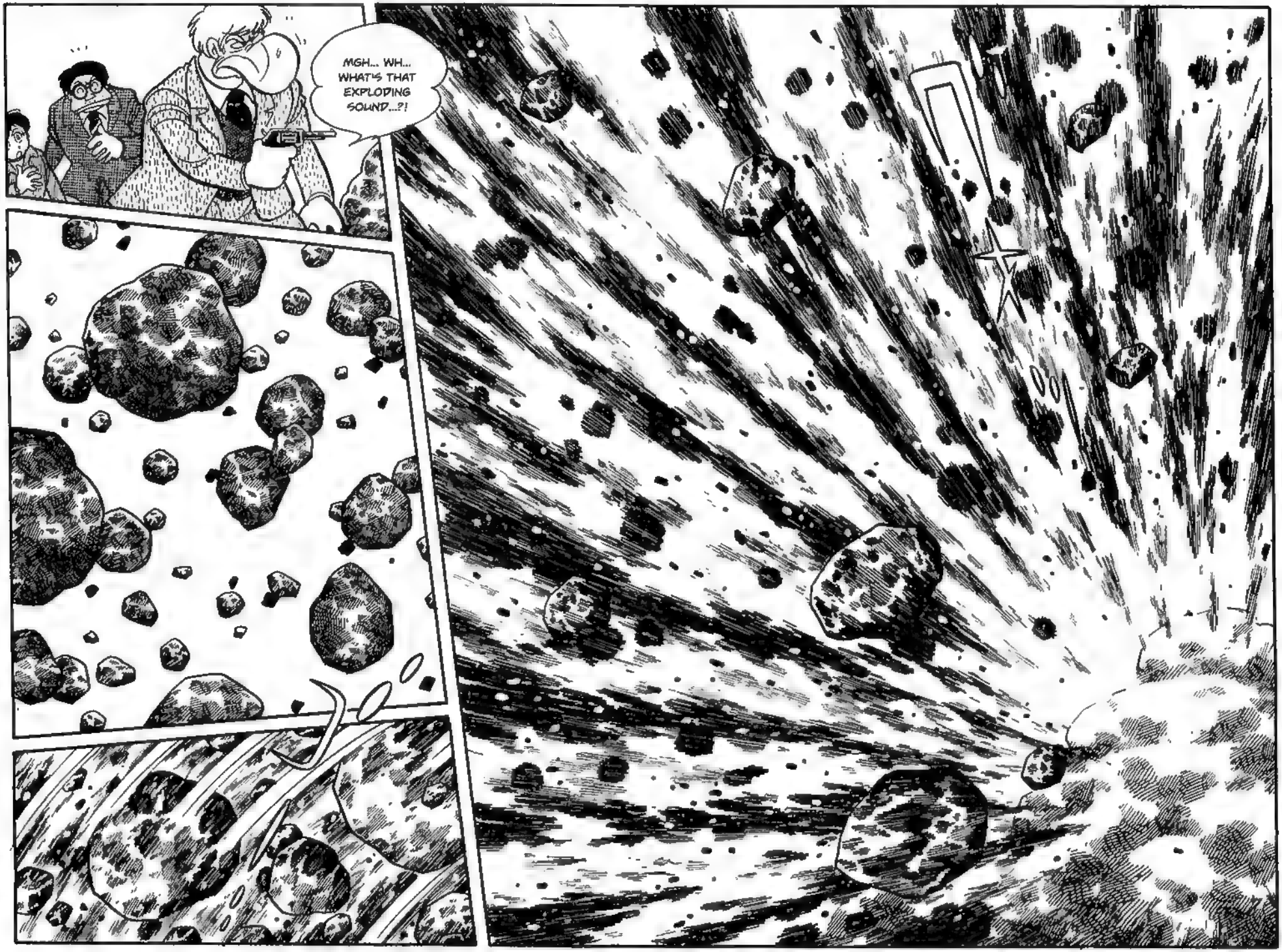
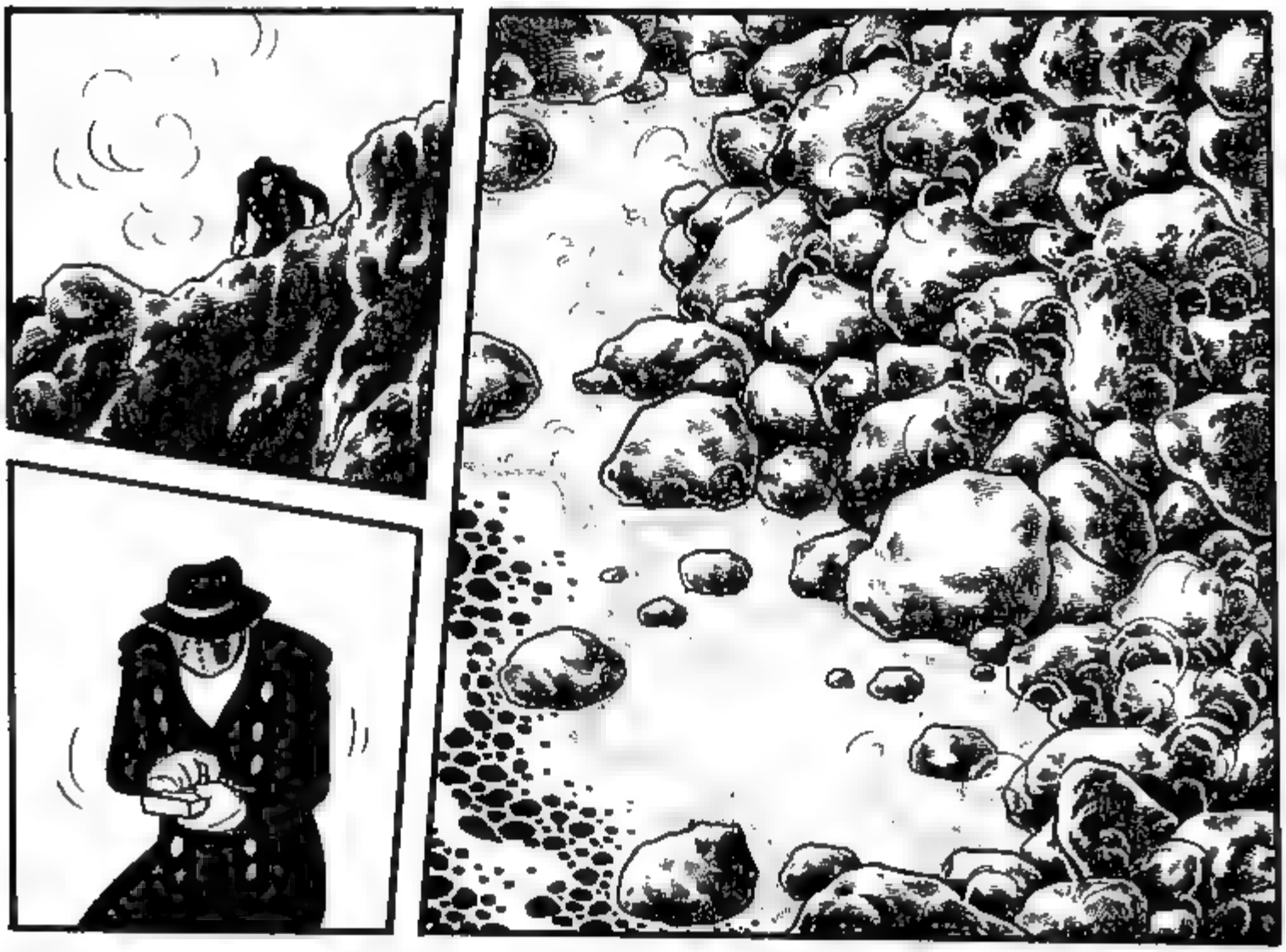



MGH... WH... WHAT'S THAT EXPLODING SOUND...?!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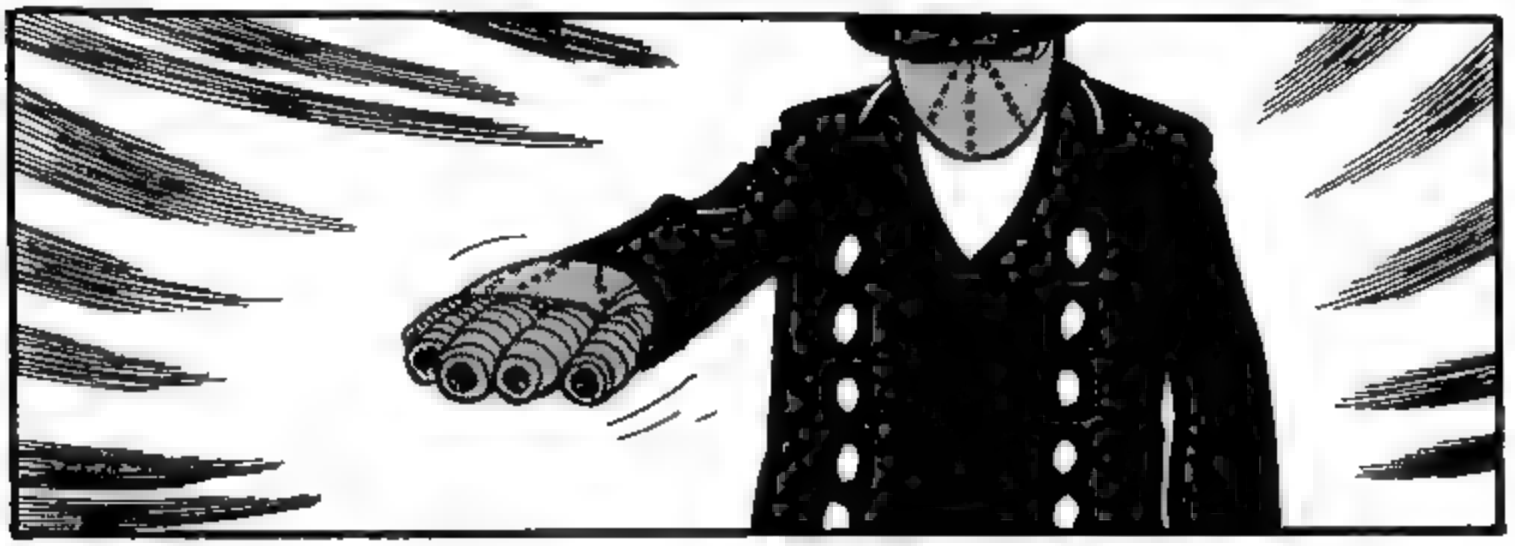
...OKAY.

AH...
MR. SHIBA... THERE'S SOMEONE UP THERE!
HMM ?!

...K!!!
HEY, K, WHERE ARE YOU?!



GEUGH!
WAUGH
RGH...

GH...
SHIT!!
SH...
HRGH...

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!!

HOW...

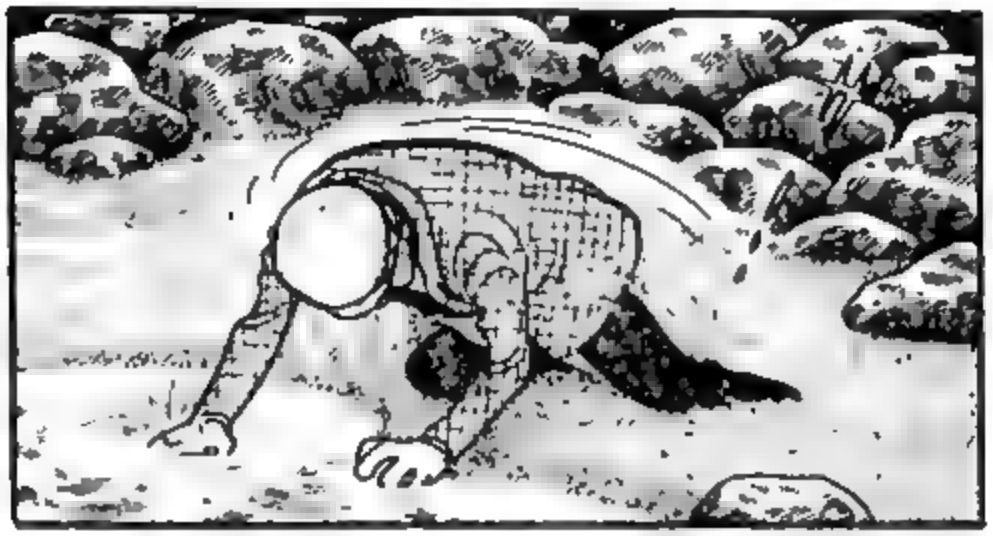
YOU MECHANICAL MONSTER... GET... GET OUT HERE!! COME OUT AND SHOW YOURSELF!!

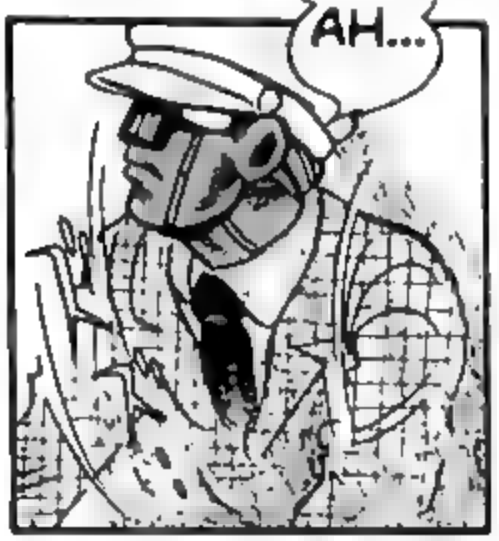
GOD... GOD DAM-MIT!!

YOU GODDAMN ROBOT BASTARD!!

R... RR- GHH...

...K!!!




AH...

THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO PROTECT MY BODY FROM THE ROCKSLIDE...
I... I HAD TO DIVE UNDER THE SAND...

OH... OH NO... MY BODY SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN SOMEWHERE...!

BUT... LIKE THIS, I... I DO NOT KNOW IF I CAN DO ANYTHING... MR. SHIBA...!

THAT ROBOT WAS TRYING TO KILL HIM!

OH... OH, YES... THAT BOY IS IN DANGER!

...MR. SHIBA...?!

...AH ...?!

PLEASE, PULL YOUR-SELF TOGE-THER!!

MR. SHIBA...!! WHAT HAPPENED ?!

BUT... BUT I CANNOT MOVE, EITHER!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

AT THIS RATE, HE IS GOING TO DIE!!

THIS IS BAD... HE IS LOSING BLOOD, FAST!

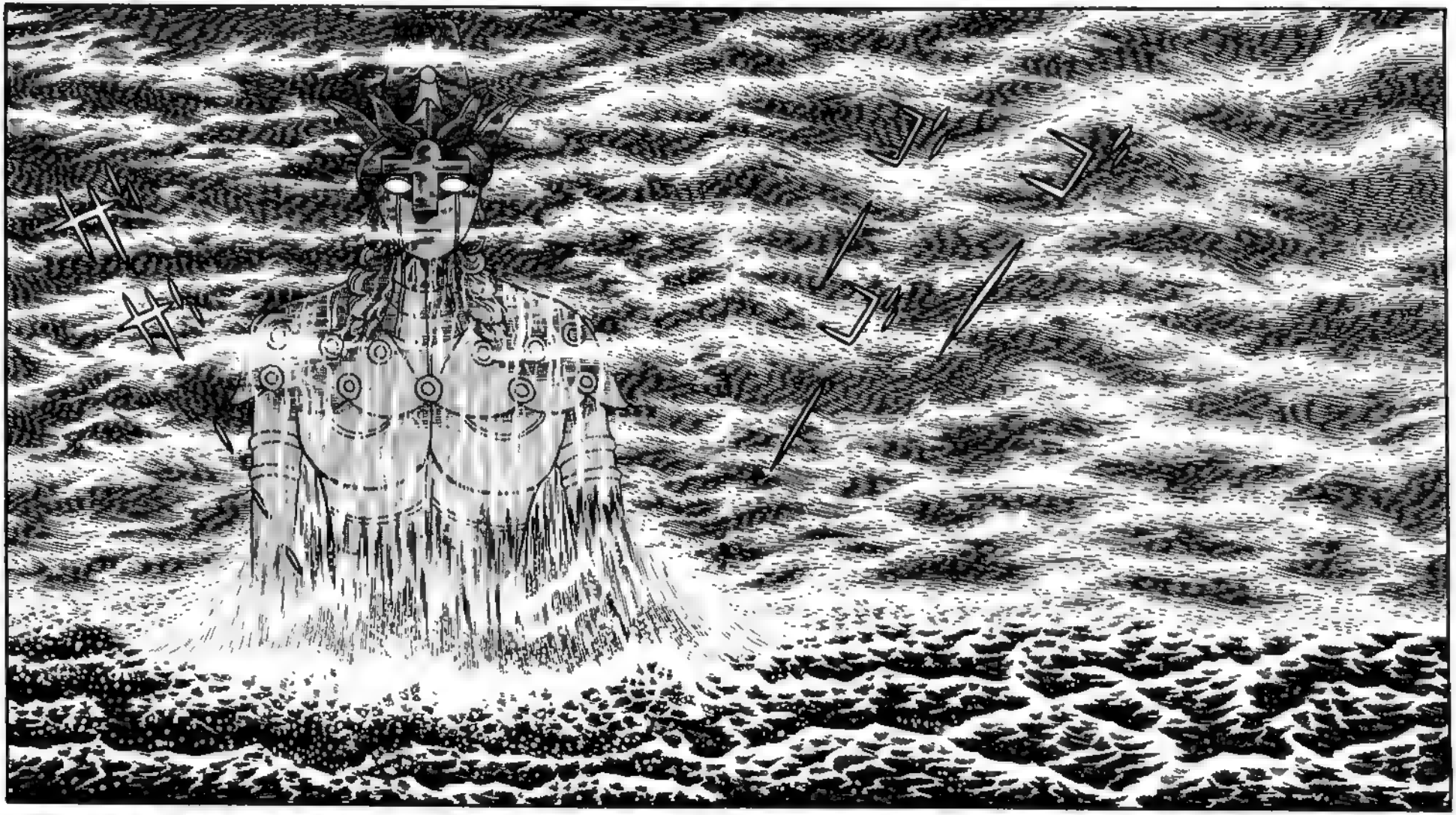
...HE HAS BEEN SHOT BY THAT ROBOT...

PLEASE, HELP US!!

HELP...

MOTHEEEEER!!

...MO-THER!!



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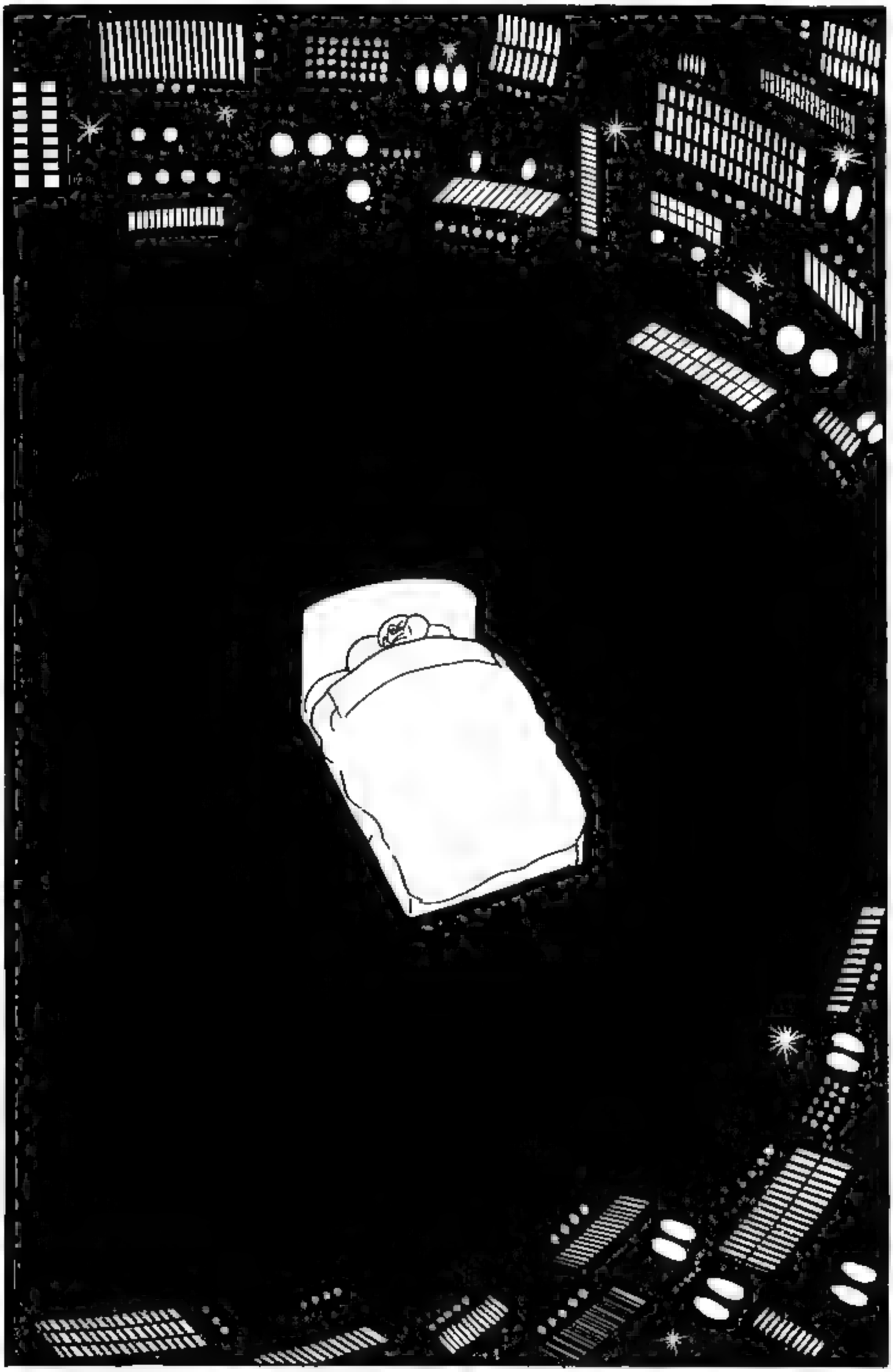
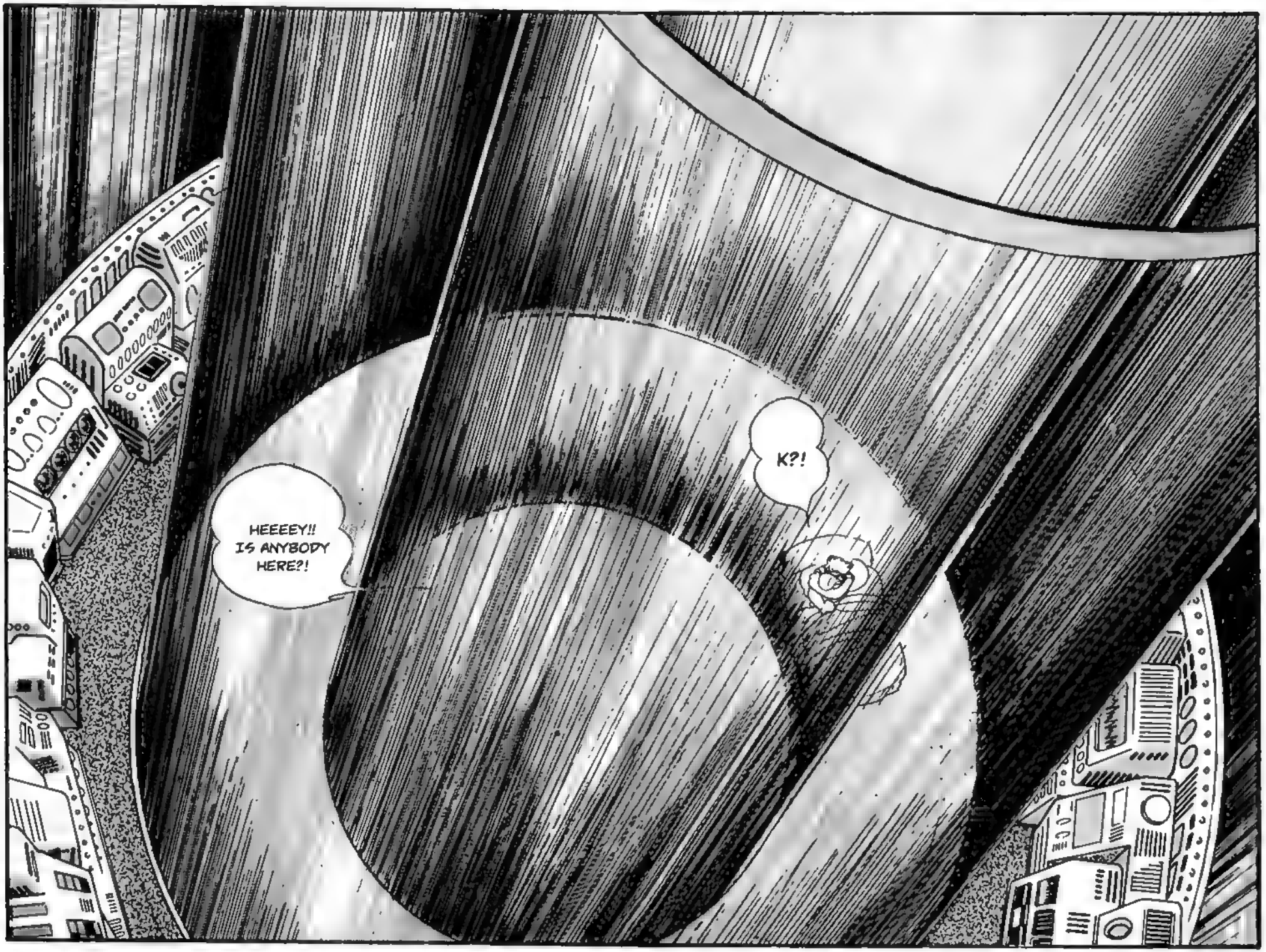


JUST... WHERE THE HELL...

IS THIS...?!


HEEEEY!! IS ANYBODY HERE?!
K?!

ARE YOU AWAKE, MR. SHIBA?

...

KGH...

...WHO ARE YOU?!

WHERE AM I?! WHERE IS THIS?!

I THINK YOU STILL NEED SOME MORE REST, BUT...

HOW DO YOUR WOUNDS FEEL?

I AM K'S "MOTHER".

HGH... MM...

AFTER LEAVING YOU IN MY CARE, K RETURNED TO THE POLICE STATION TO REPORT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU. K HAS ALREADY BEEN TREATED.

OW...

YOUR WOUNDS WERE NOT VERY DEEP, BUT...

ARE YOU OKAY?

I AM NOT A DOCTOR, SO...

THIS IS THE INSIDE OF MOTHER'S BODY.

HE WOULD TELL YOU THIS WHEN HE RETURNED, HIMSELF, BUT...

WHA... WHAT ?!

OOH...

WHERE... WHERE ARE YOU...?

WHY WON'T YOU LET ME SEE YOU?!

BUT I DO NOT IMAGINE THE BODIES OF HUMANS AND ROBOTS CAN BE VERY DIFFERENT, FUNDAMENTALLY...

I WORRY THAT MY TREATMENT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN GOOD ENOUGH...

THAT ONLY YOU CAN TELL ME!

I HAVE SOME THINGS THAT I NEED TO KNOW...

AND...

I'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOU...

SINCE A LONG TIME AGO!

I CANNOT EVEN ALLOW K TO SEE WHAT I REALLY LOOK LIKE...!

I HAVE NOT INTERACTED WITH HUMANS FOR THE LONGEST TIME...

WHY NOT?!

I AM SORRY...

OH HO HO... OF COURSE NOT!

I AM A FULLY-FLEDGED EARTH-LING... AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT JAPANESE, AS WELL.

OR MAYBE... YOU ARE...?!

HEH... IT CAN'T BE... BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT FROM EARTH?! YOU'RE NOT SOME KIND OF ALIEN, ARE YOU?!

WHY CAN'T YOU LET ANYONE SEE YOU?

WELL, THEN, WHY? WHY WON'T YOU COME OUT?

YOU DON'T THINK AN OLD GUY LIKE ME WITH ALL THESE WOUNDS... NOT TO MENTION SOMEONE WHO YOU'RE HOLING UP LIKE A PRISONER... IS ACTUALLY SCARY, DO YOU?

...I DO.

WELL, OF COURSE, IT IS NOT JUST YOU... I THINK ALL HUMANS ARE SCARY, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

...COULD IT BE BECAUSE I'VE SPENT SO LONG BY MYSELF...

THAT I STARTED TO BECOME ANTHROPO-PHOBIC, AT SOME POINT...?

FIRST OFF, JUST WHAT ARE YOU?!

I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME SOME ANSWERS.

RRRRGHH... WELL, FINE, I GUESS WE CAN DO IT LIKE THIS.

NO.

IT'S TRUE THAT I DID CREATE K, BUT...

SO YOU MUST BE VERY SKILLED IN ROBOTICS, BUT...

AND THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO CREATE ROBOTS AS INCREDIBLE AS K AND THIS "MOTHER" ROBOT WE'RE IN...

I GET THAT YOU'RE FROM EARTH, AND THAT YOU'RE JAPANESE...

ALL I DID WAS ASSEMBLE HIM BY FOLLOWING THE BLUE-PRINTS...
BLUEPRINTS THAT MY MOTHER AND FATHER LEFT FOR ME.
THE TRUE GREAT SCIENTISTS WHO CREATED THIS MOTHER ROBOT WERE MY MOM AND DAD!
YOUR... YOUR PARENTS ?!
FATHER?!
HE'S INJU-RED?!
YEAH, BUT FROM WHAT HE SAYS...

MY APOLOGIES... IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY SHORTCOMINGS THAT THIS HAPPENED...

AND THAT HE'S BEING PROPERLY TREATED, RIGHT NOW...

BUT HIS WOUNDS WERE NOT AS DEEP AS EXPECTED... IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WILL BE FINE IF HE RESTS FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.

THAT'S WHAT YOUR MOM SAID, RIGHT?

YES.

IT WOULD BE WISE TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES WITH YOU FOR MR. SHIBA.

I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME TO WHERE MR. SHIBA IS.

SOMEHOW I'M A BIT HESITANT TO TRUST WHAT YOU SAY, SO...

BRING US ALONG TOO, K!!
BOTH OF US... BOTH OF US WILL GO, TOO!!
I CANNOT.
WHY...?!
AFTER YOU TELL US THAT OUR FATHER HAS BEEN INJURED...!!
WHY NOT?!
WHY CAN'T YOU?!
WELL... THAT IS, UM...
MY CAR CAN ONLY CARRY TWO PEOPLE, AND... UM...
IN THE END, YOU'RE JUST A MECHANICAL MAN WITHOUT BLOOD, SWEAT OR TEARS!!
ROBOT!!
I HAD TO DO A LOT OF CONVINCING, MYSELF!
HMPH! WELL, WHATEVER THE REASON, HE DOESN'T WANNA TAKE PEOPLE WITH HIM!

HAS TAKEN CARE OF US BY HIMSELF... EVER SINCE OUR MOTHER DIED, SO-!!

FATHER...

THERE... THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN UNDER-STAND!

I UNDER-STAND!

BECAUSE I THINK I AM JUST AS WORRIED ABOUT MR. SHIBA AS THE TWO OF YOU ARE.

IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENED TO MR. SHIBA... I... I WOULD DIE, AS WELL...!

WELL... WELL, AT THE VERY LEAST... I BELIEVE I UNDERSTAND...

.....

IS THAT WATER GUSHING FROM YOUR EYE SOCKETS LIKE THE STRINGS ON A MARIONETTE FOR YOU?
...TCH. QUITE THE PERFORMANCE YOU PUT ON, THERE, K.
I... I'M SORRY...
I WILL GO AND... GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES...
WHAT?
HEH.
WELL, THEN, 'FORE WE HEAD OUT...
I'M GONNA GIVE MY NEWLY-RETIRED BIG BRO A RING FOR YOUR SAKE!
HOW'S IT GOING?
YOUR NEW BUSINESS DOING OKAY?
YO, IS THAT YOU, BRO?
T... TEARS ...?

YOU... YOU MEAN THAT CUSTOMER SAID... "GOLDEN TRIANGLE, PYTHAGORAS" TO YOU?!

WHA...

HUH?!

HUH...

YOU GOT YOUR FIRST CUSTOMER RIGHT AFTER YOU OPENED? HMM...

.....

"MOUNT AMAGI, KAN'ON' YAMA"?!

UH HUH... UH HUH... AND THEN...

DO YOU HAVE SOME RELATION TO THIS "R.R.A."?

BY THE WAY...

YES... I KNEW OF THEM.

WELL?

IF NOT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SENT K TO THE POLICE STATION!!

NO... EVEN IF YOU'RE UNRELATED... YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM, RIGHT?

I KNEW IT!

THEN... WELL, THEN... WHAT'S THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE R.R.A.?!

I STILL... CANNOT TELL YOU...

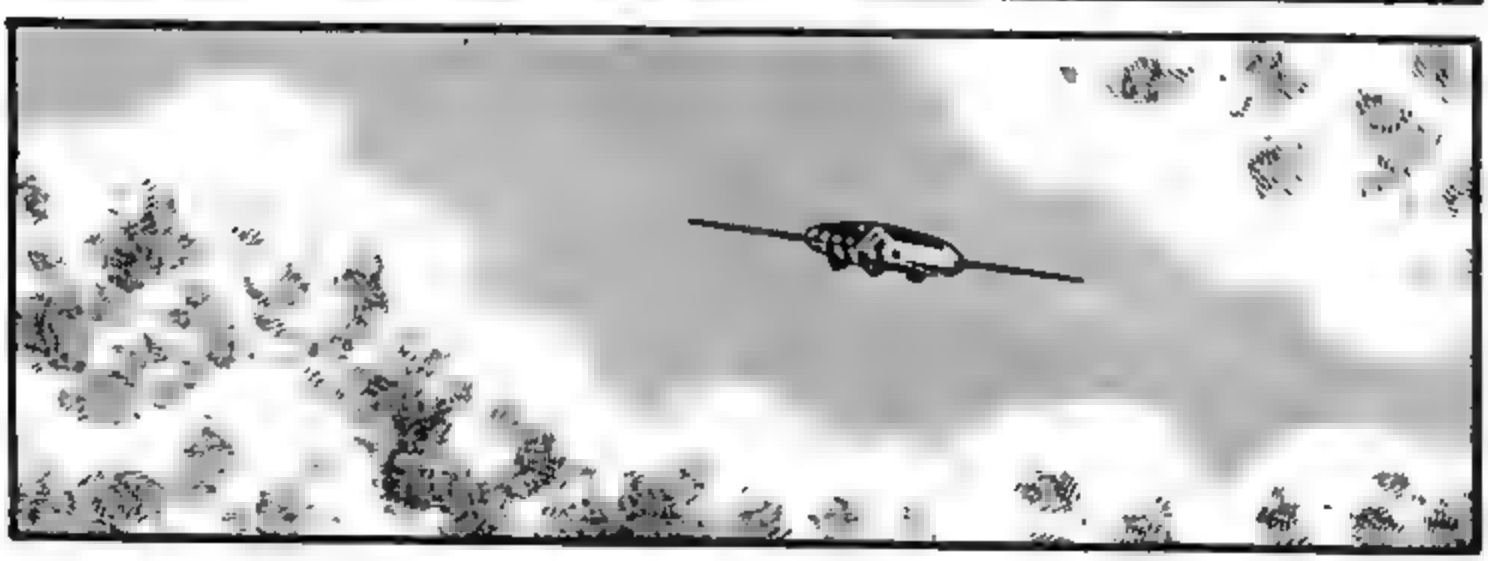
IT IS BECAUSE I KNEW OF THEM THAT I CREATED K.

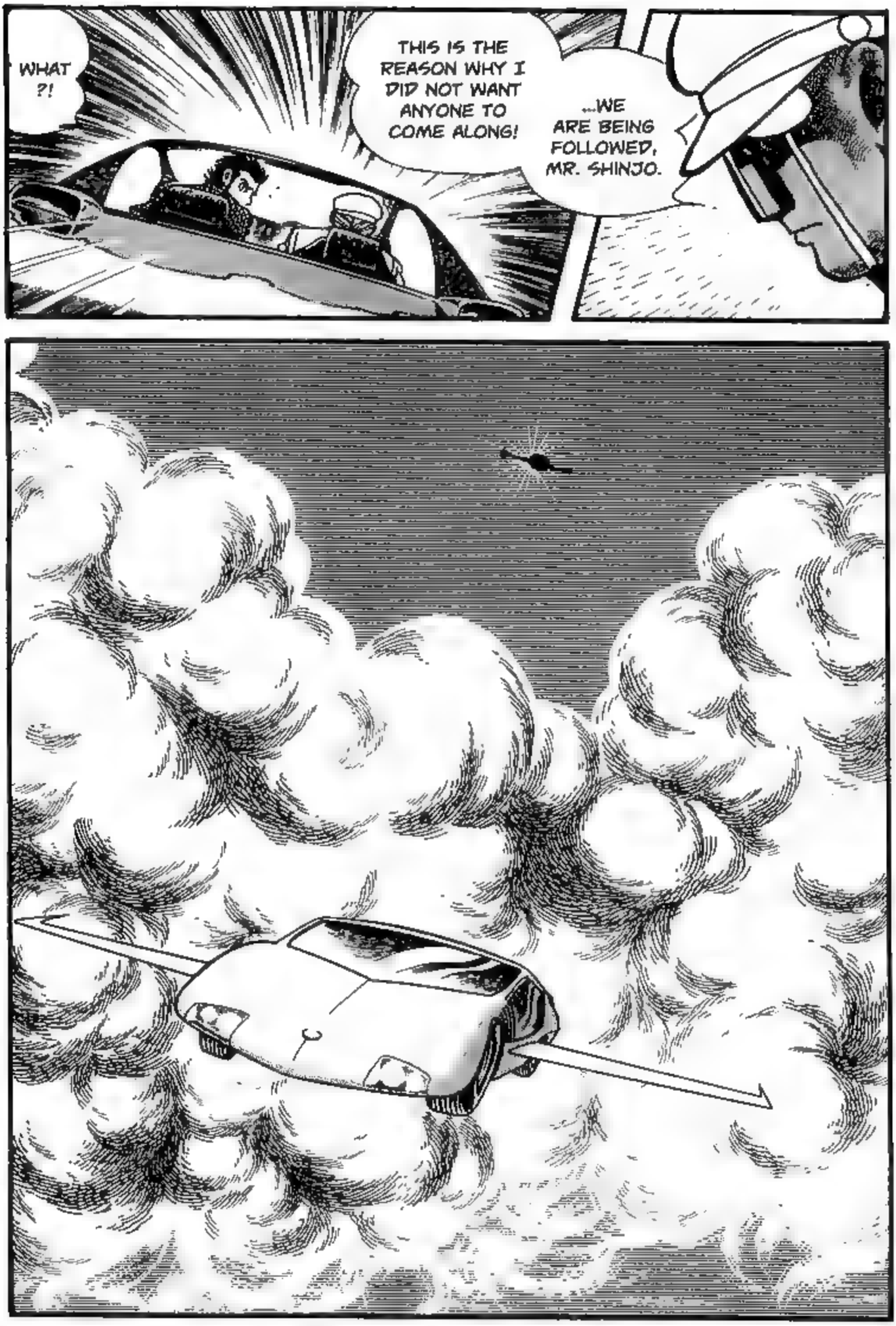
AND JUST AS YOU SAID...

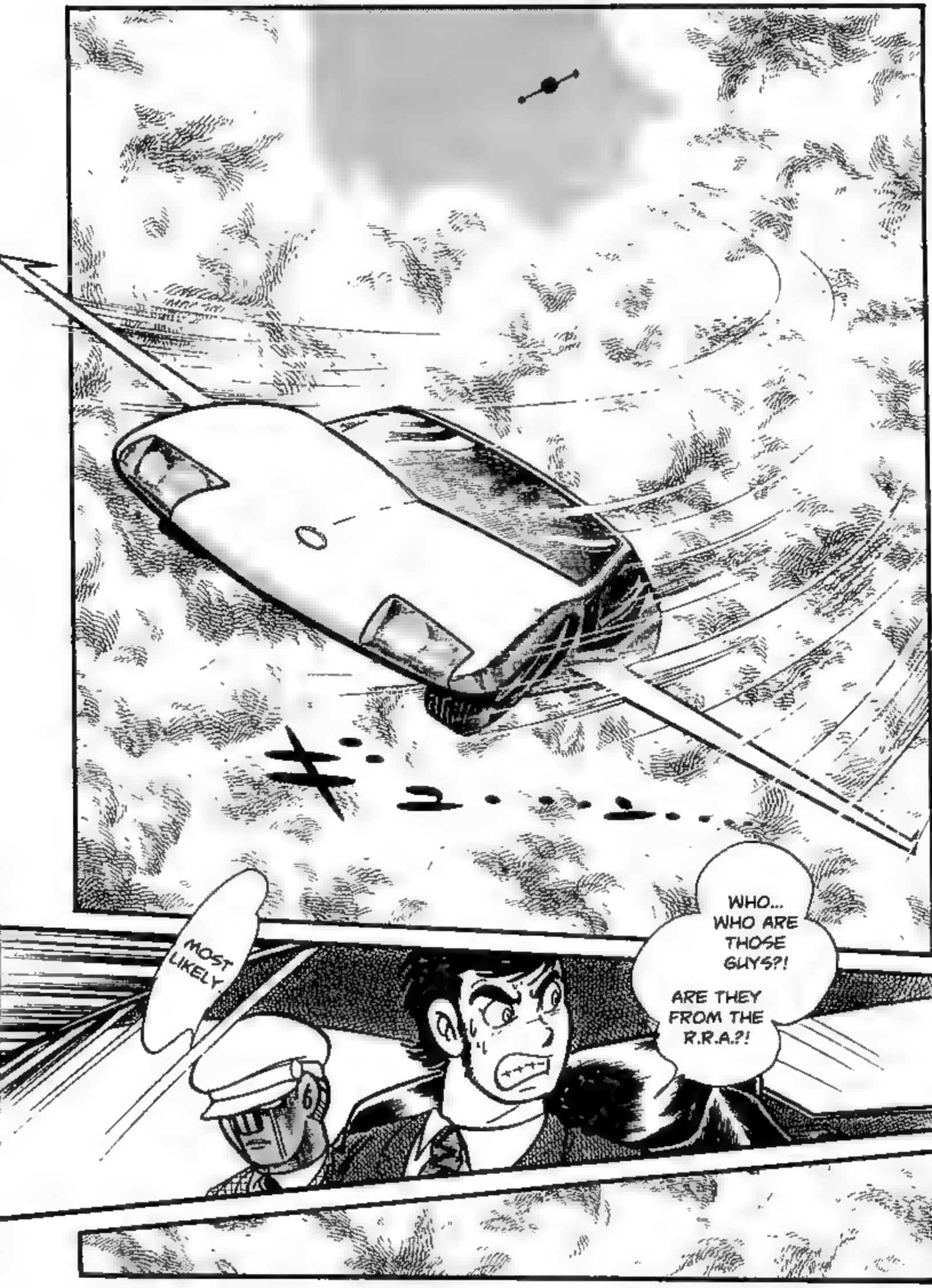
RRGH...
FOR RIGHT NOW, AT LEAST... BUT I PROMISE YOU, EVENTUALLY I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
...WELL, ANYWAY, BEFORE THAT... YOU NEED TO REST FOR A WHILE MORE. WE CANNOT LET YOUR WOUNDS OPEN UP AGAIN.
HMM ?!

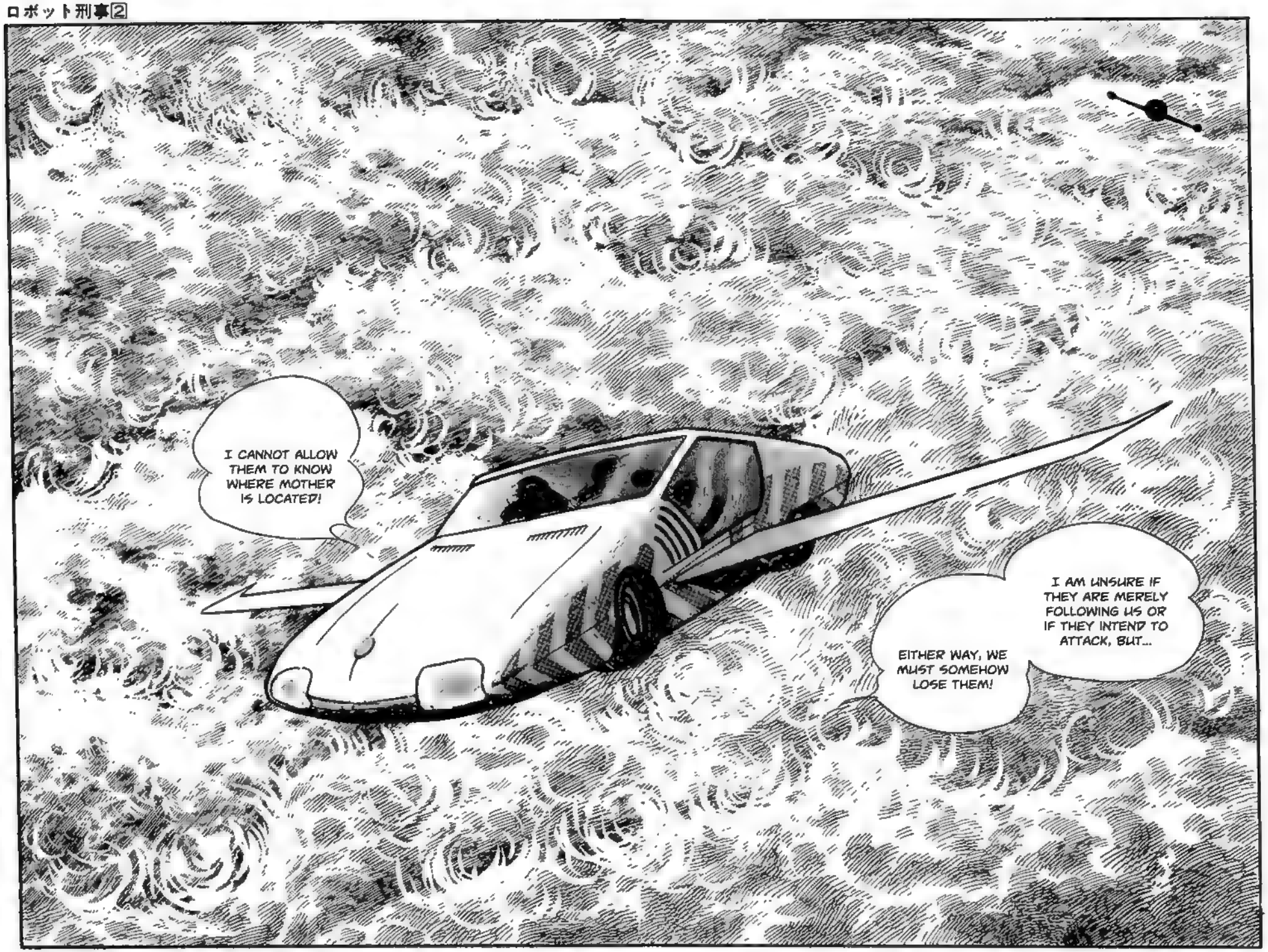
WHOA!

I... DID HEAR ABOUT IT FROM MR. SHIBA... BUT STILL...




WHAT ?!
THIS IS THE REASON WHY I DID NOT WANT ANYONE TO COME ALONG!
...WE ARE BEING FOLLOWED, MR. SHINJO.


MOST LIKELY
WHO... WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?!
ARE THEY FROM THE R.R.A.?!


I CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO KNOW WHERE MOTHER IS LOCATED!
I AM UNSURE IF THEY ARE MERELY FOLLOWING US OR IF THEY INTEND TO ATTACK, BUT...
EITHER WAY, WE MUST SOMEHOW LOSE THEM!

PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT AND BRACE YOURSELF.

WE ARE ABOUT TO VEER OFF COURSE A LITTLE BIT.

...IN ANY EVENT, IT APPEARS TO BE AN UNMANNED DRONE.

Y-YOU CALL THIS "A LITTLE BIT"?!?!

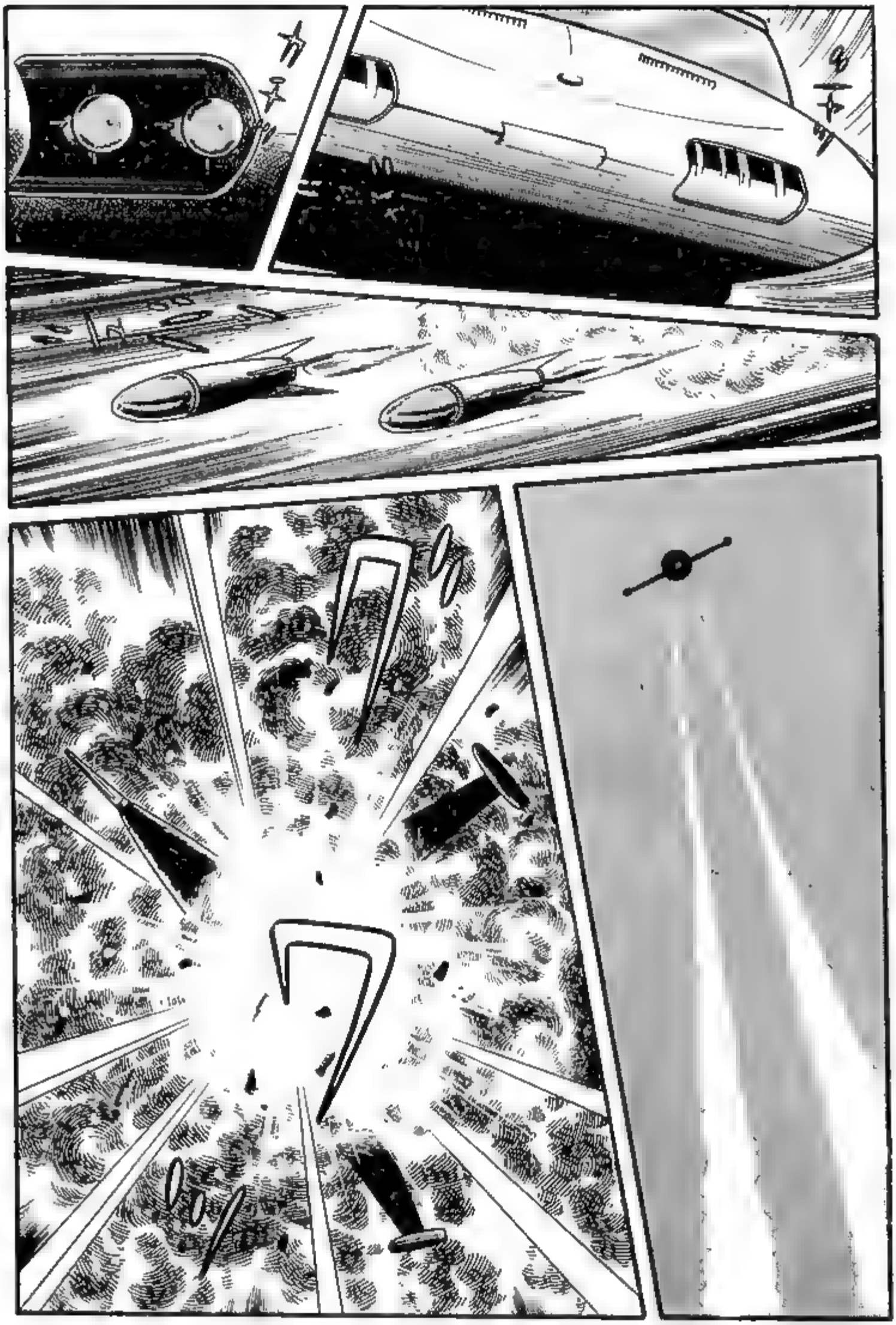
...OKAY.

THERE'S NO WAY THEY'RE CATCHING UP, NOW!

WHOA, WHAT CRAZY SPEED!

I HAVE TO DO THIS!

EYAAAAAAHHH!!



...I WOULD NEVER LOSE TO OPPONENTS LIKE THAT, ANY-

HEY... HEY!!

THERE'S STILL MORE OF 'EM!

A-AND THIS TIME, THERE'S TWO!

DUCK DOWN!!

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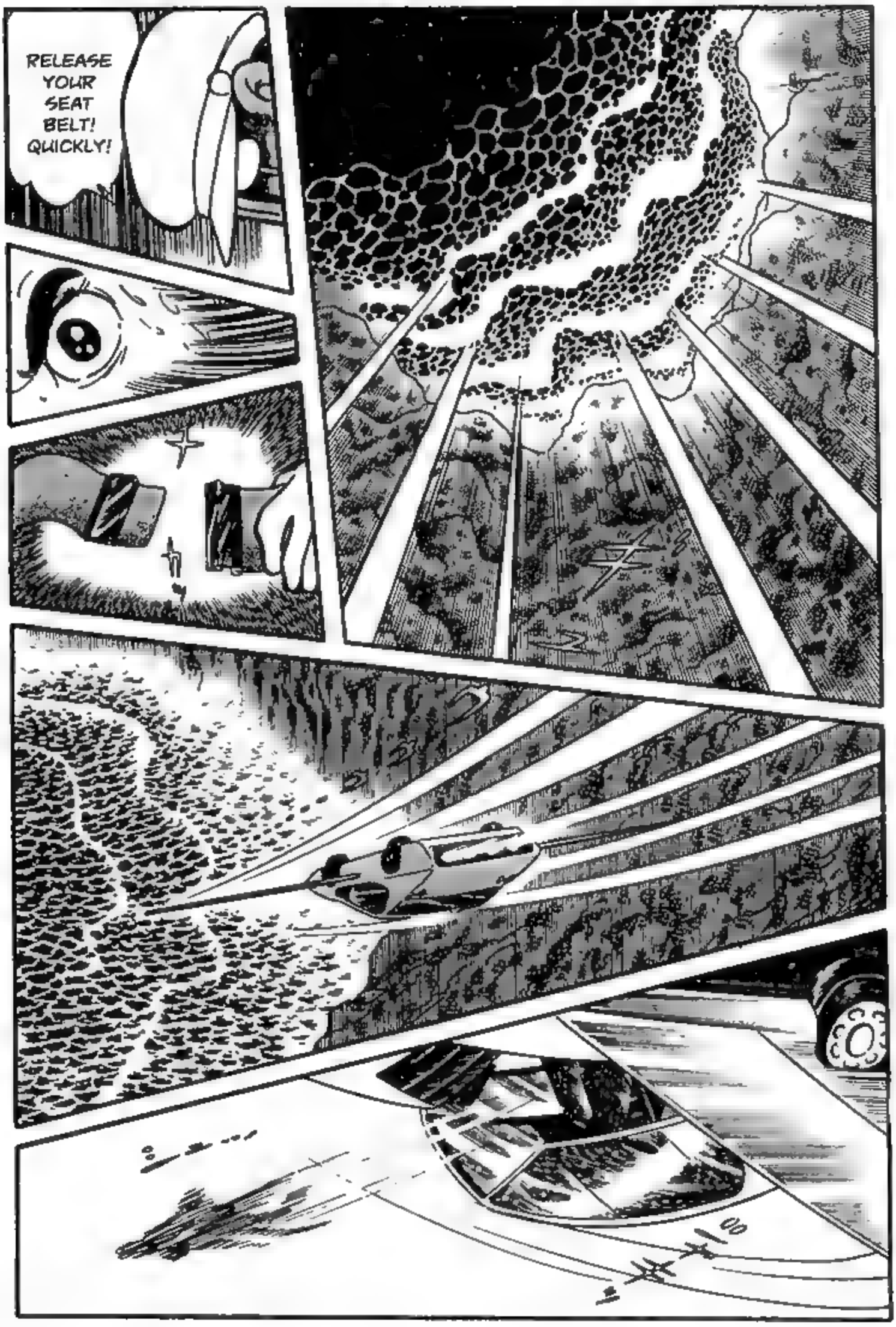
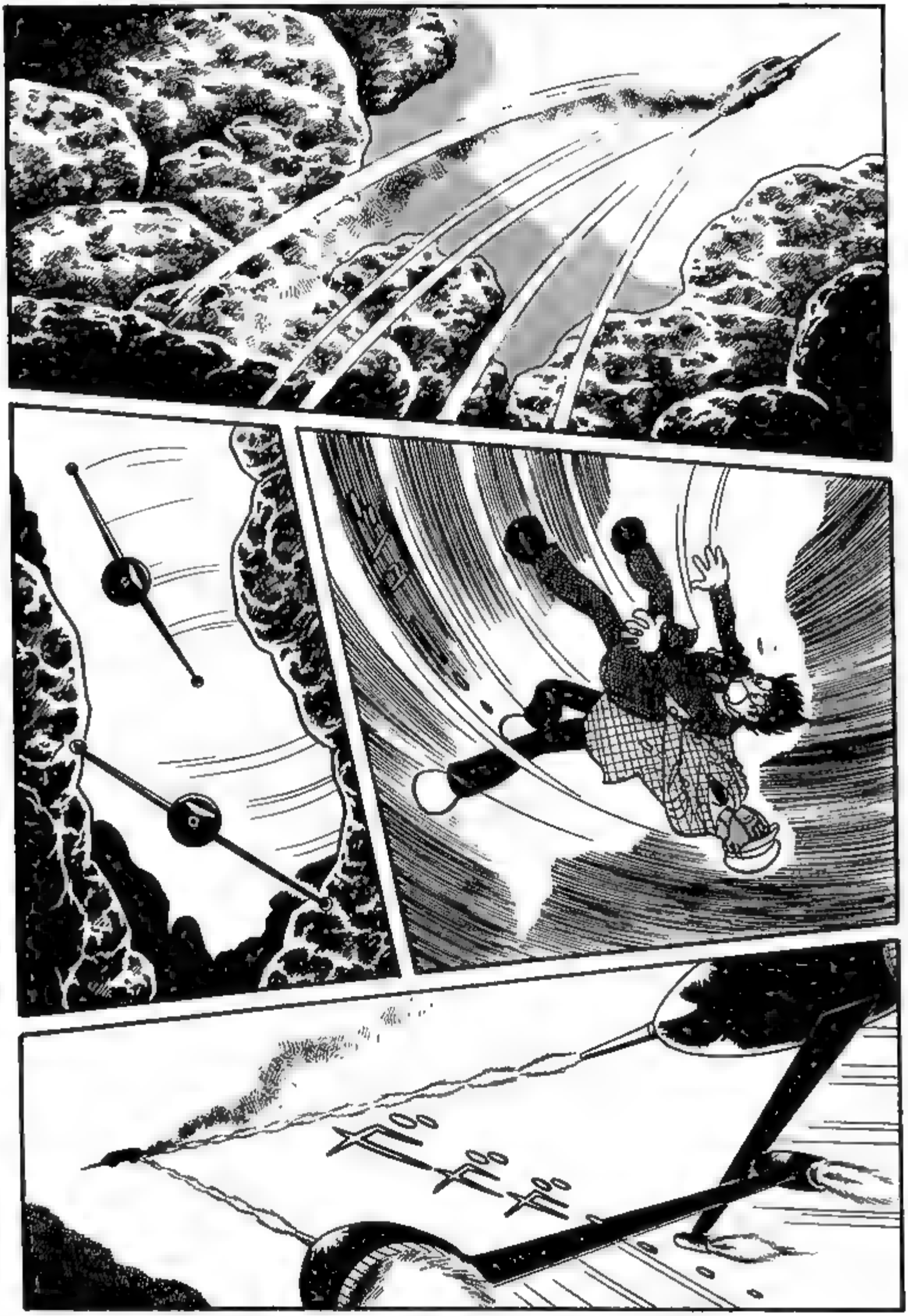
DO SOME-THING!!!
OH.. OH NO! THEY GOT US!
HEY!! DON'T JUST SIT THERE!!

H-HEY, K! THEY'RE STILL COMING!!


RELEASE YOUR SEAT BELT! QUICKLY!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WELL, THEN, LET US BE OFF.

FORTUNATELY, MOTHER IS NOT THAT FAR OFF FROM WHERE WE ARE.

AT LEAST LEMME REST A BIT!

I MEAN, WE WERE JUST THROUGH SOMETHING CRAZY UN-EXPECTED!!

W-WHOA! R-RIGHT AWAY?!

IT SEEMS WE MADE IT... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

WHEW! I NEVER THOUGHT... I'D BE CAUGHT UP... IN A DOG FIGHT!

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE!

RRR-RGHH...

YOU MUSTN'T WHAT WOULD WE DO IF THEY STARTED TO SUSPECT THAT WE MADE IT OUT ALIVE?

WHAT'S WRONG ?!?!

WHA-?! HUH?! WH...

OH, NO!!

GOD-DAMNED ROBOT...!!

Y... YOU'RE THINKING OF THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!?!

YOU NIMROD!!

I FORGOT TO BRING MR. SHIBA'S CHANGE OF CLOTHES WITH ME FROM THE CAR!

WHO... WH- WHO'RE ...?!

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE. PLEASE GO TO SLEEP FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

I CREATED HER TO GO OUT AND BUY THINGS I NEED IN MY PLACE.

.....

BUT I AM NOT NEARLY AS YOUNG NOR AS PRETTY AS SHE IS.

OH HO HO... I FEEL HONORED.

THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY.

THAT IS AN ANDROID.

AN... DROID ...?!

I... I THOUGHT FOR SURE IT WAS YOU!!

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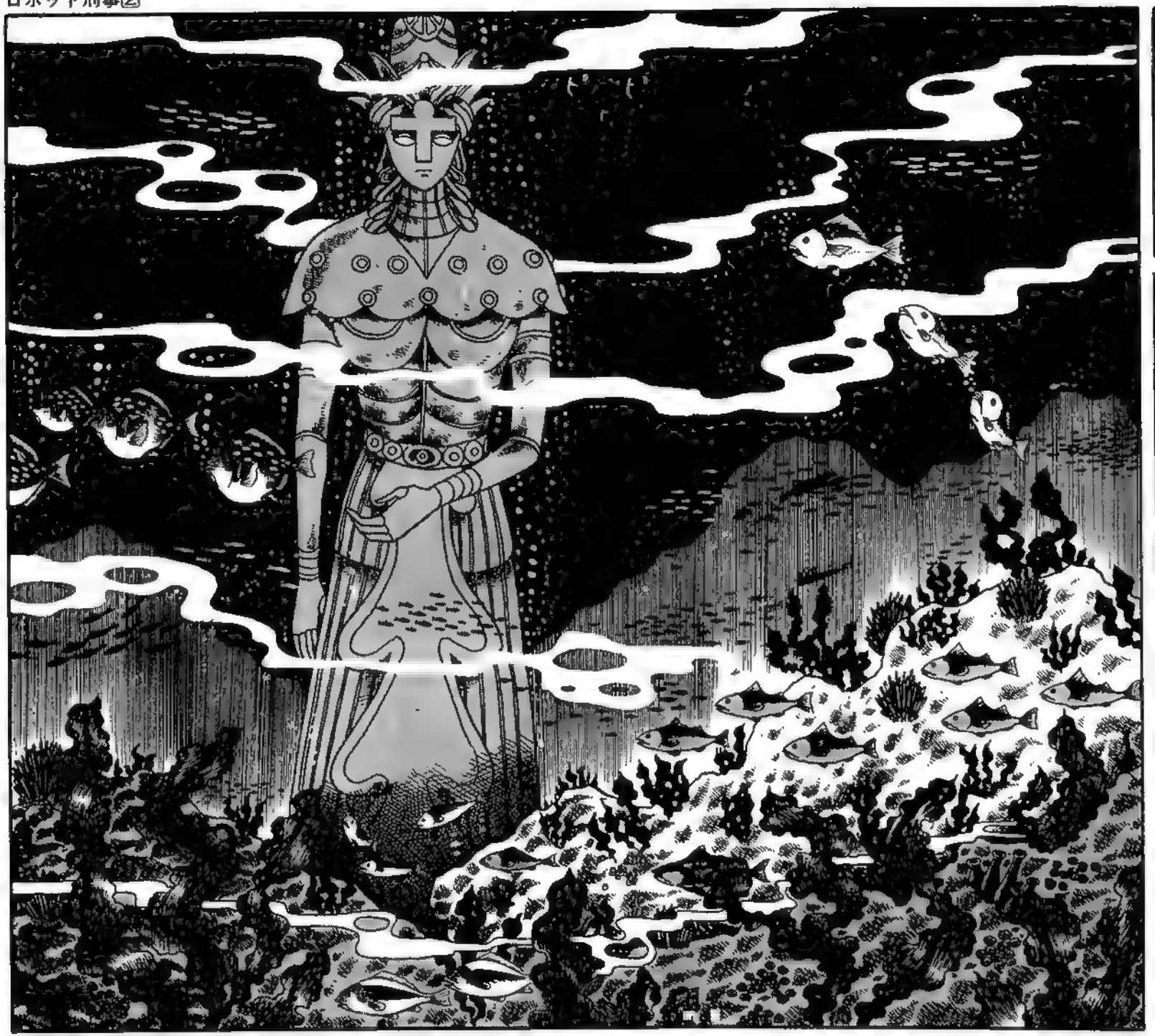
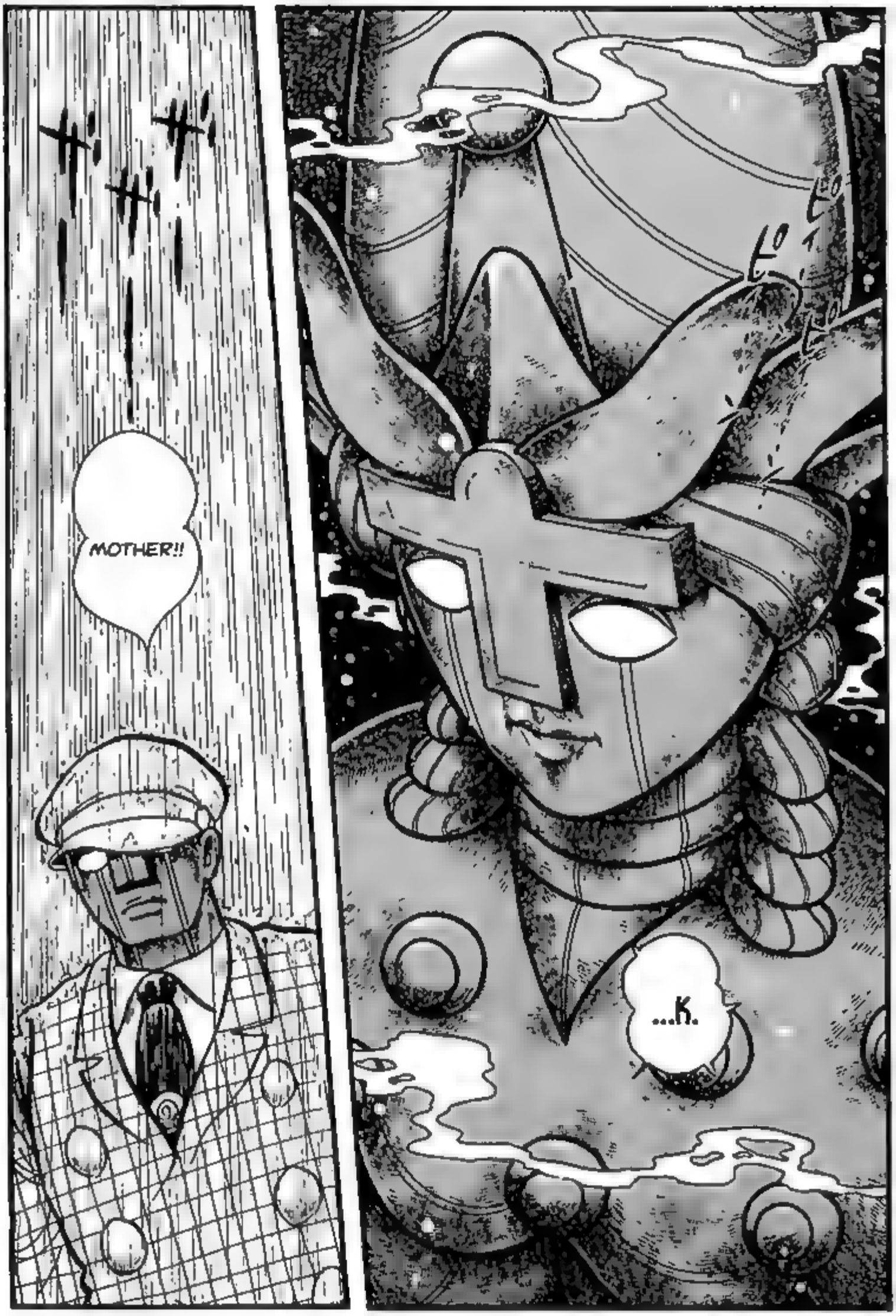


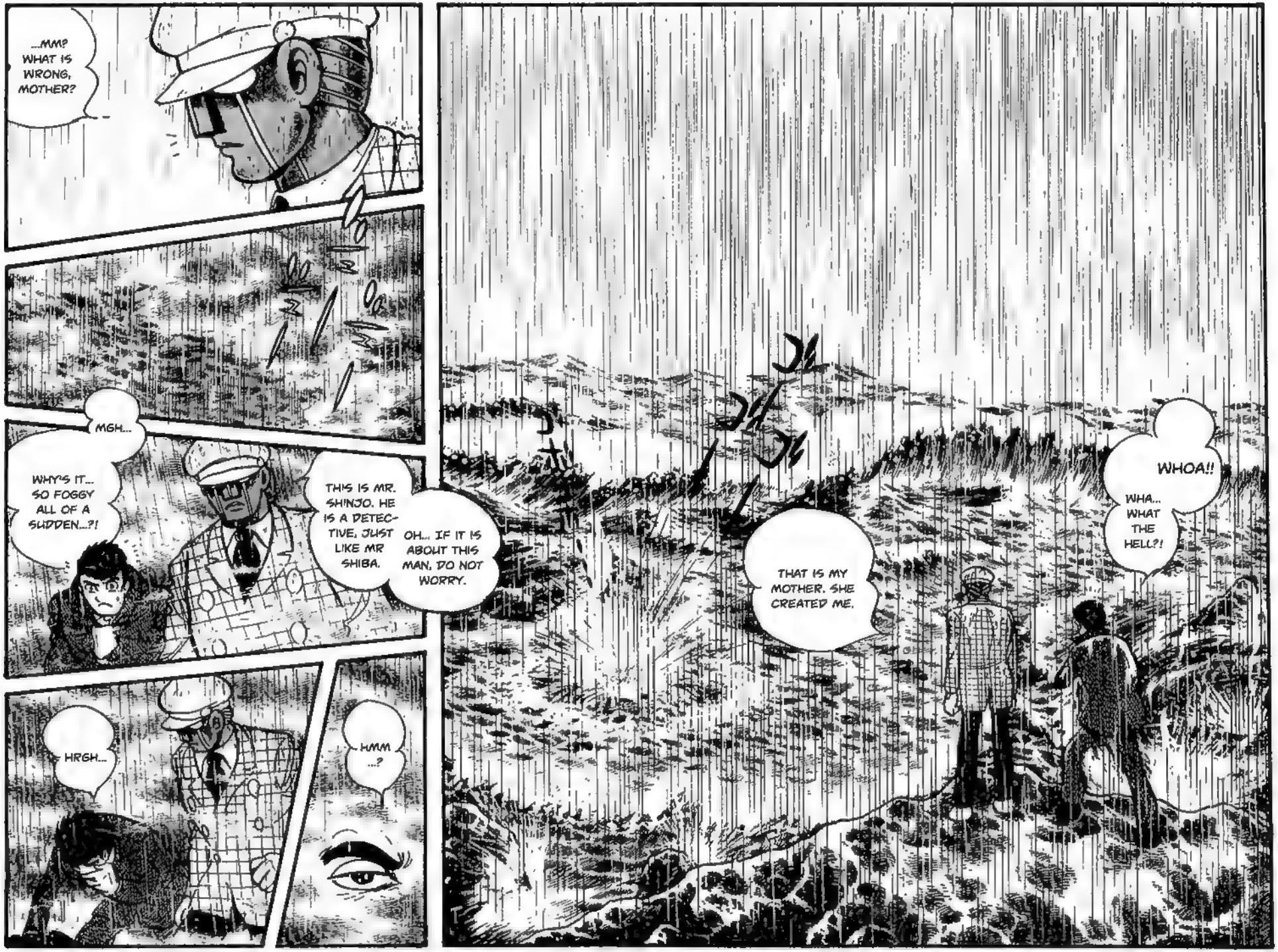
IT'S STRANGE... UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT...

YOU AND THE R.R.A. WERE ONE AND THE SAME.

BUT AFTER THIS... AND HEARING YOU WITH YOUR KIND VOICE...

I'M BEGIN-NING TO THINK... DIFFER-ENTLY...


MOTHER!!
...K.


...MM? WHAT IS WRONG, MOTHER?
MGH...
WHY'S IT... SO FOGGY ALL OF A SUDDEN...?!
THIS IS MR. SHINJO. HE IS A DETEC-TIVE, JUST LIKE MR SHIBA.
OH... IF IT IS ABOUT THIS MAN, DO NOT WORRY.
HRGH...
HMM ...?
THAT IS MY MOTHER. SHE CREATED ME.
WHOA!!
WHA... WHAT THE HELL?!

I MIXED SLEEPING GAS INTO THE FOG.

MOTHER?! WHAT D'D YOU DO?!

MR SHINJO ?!

I WOULD LIKE FOR MY APPEARANCE AND MY LOCATION TO REMAIN A SECRET.

YOU HAVE BEEN BRINGING ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE TO SEE ME, BUT... IT WORRIES ME.

BUT STILL...

IT'S TRUE, THAT PERSON...

DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANYONE BAD...

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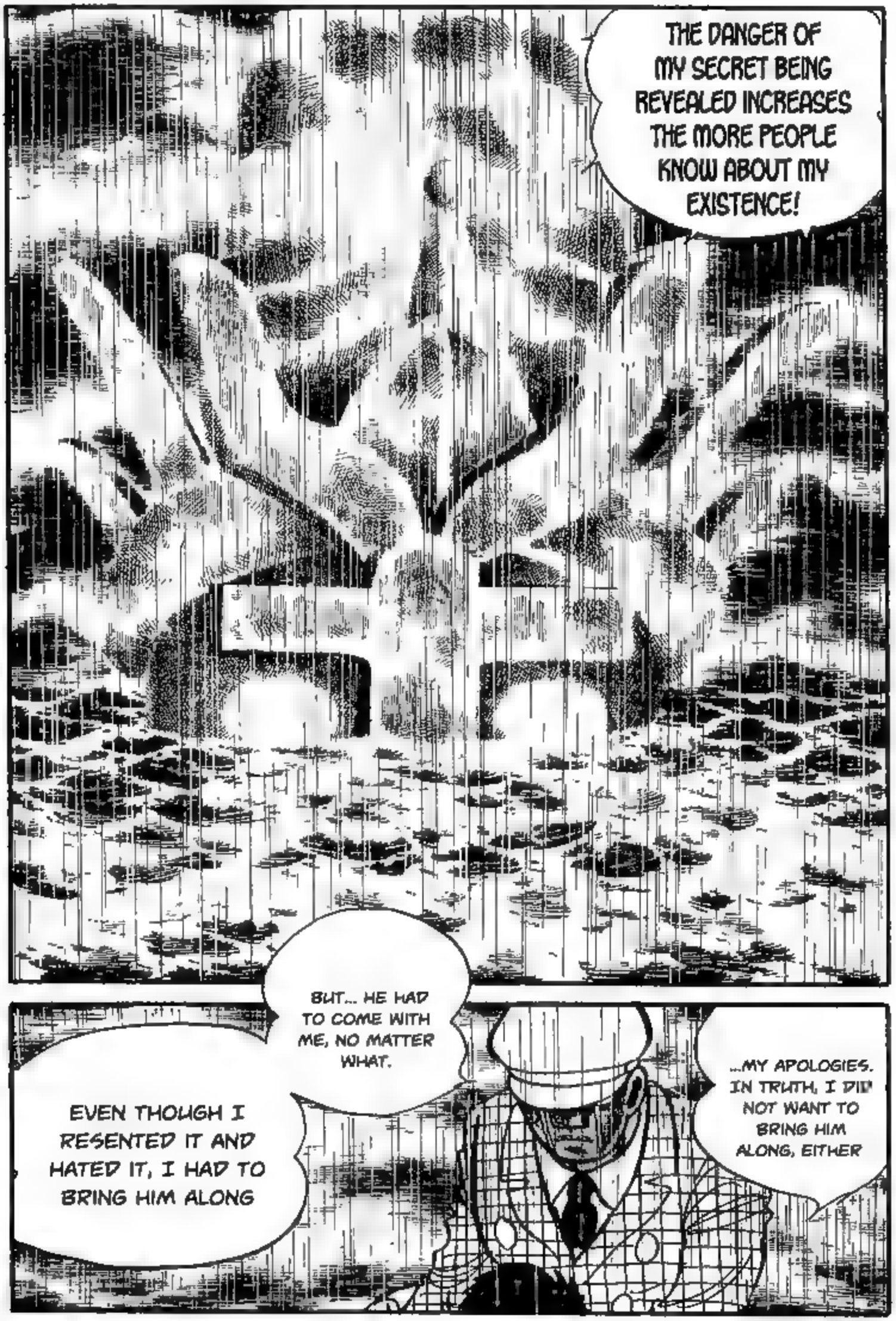

THE DANGER OF MY SECRET BEING REVEALED INCREASES THE MORE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT MY EXISTENCE!
BUT... HE HAD TO COME WITH ME, NO MATTER WHAT.
EVEN THOUGH I RESENTED IT AND HATED IT, I HAD TO BRING HIM ALONG
...MY APOLOGIES. IN TRUTH, I DID NOT WANT TO BRING HIM ALONG, EITHER

...I SEE...

.....

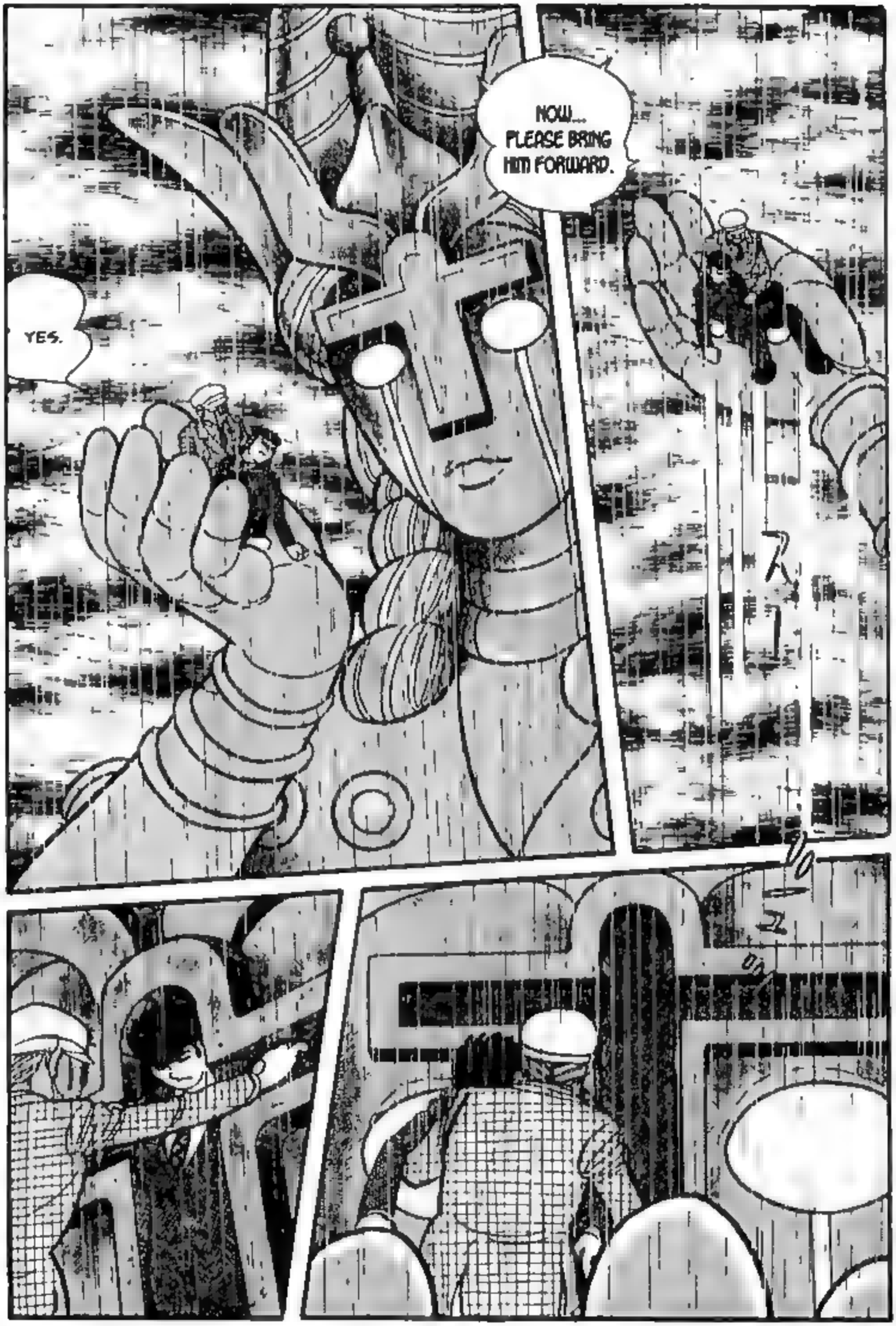
NOW... PLEASE, COME IN.

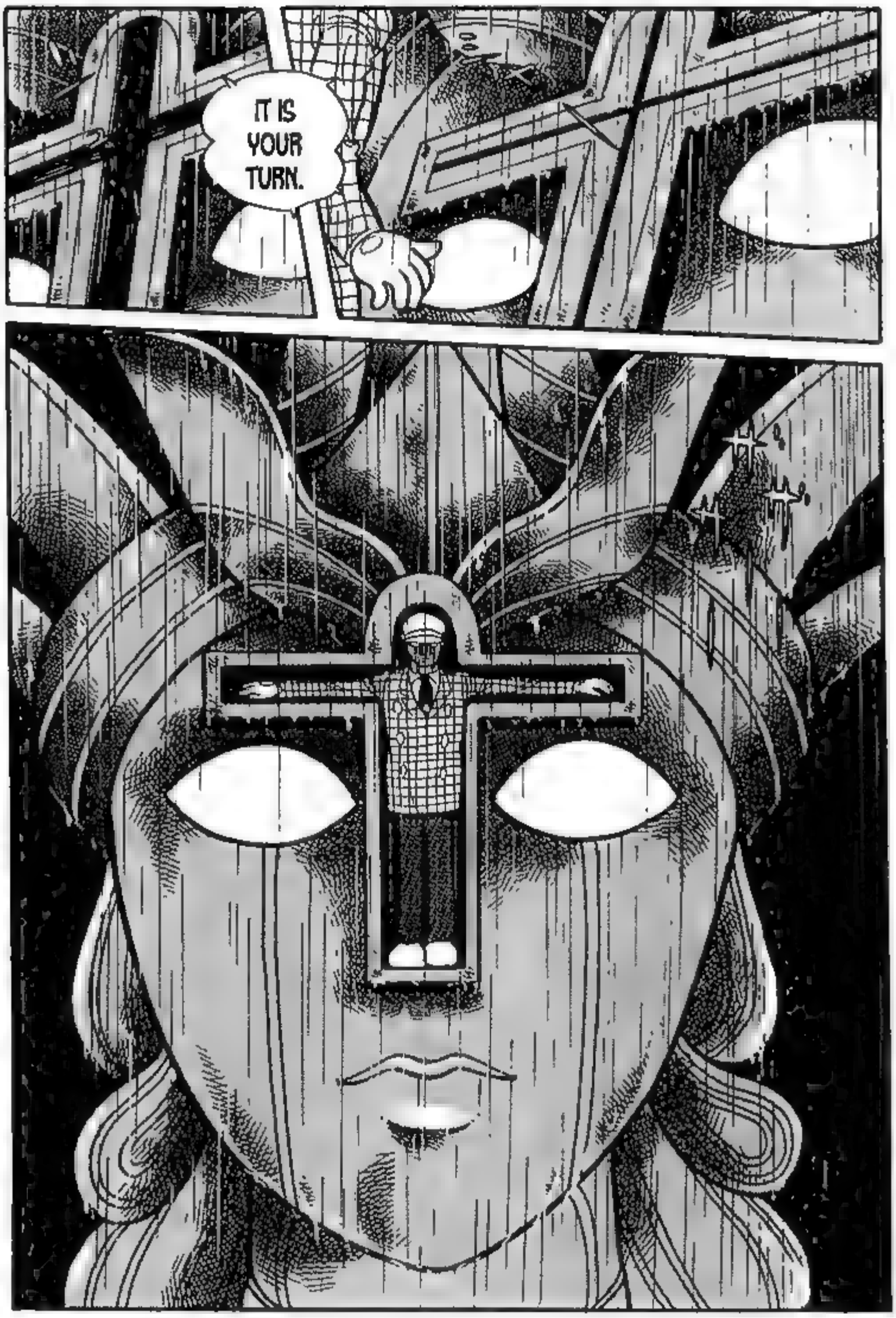
AH... UM... WHAT ABOUT MR SHINJO?

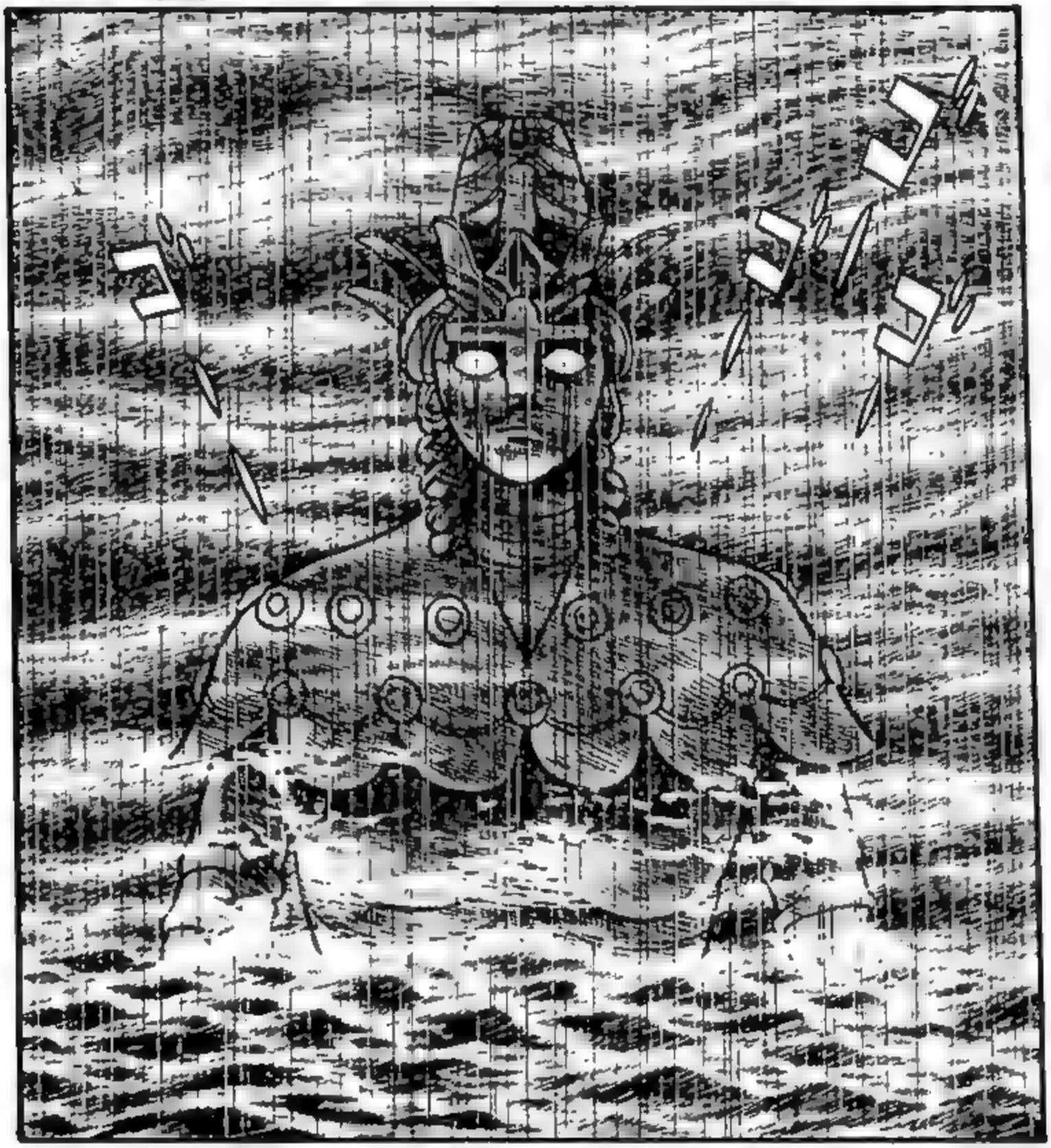
BUT FROM NOW ON, NO ONE ELSE MUST COME HERE!

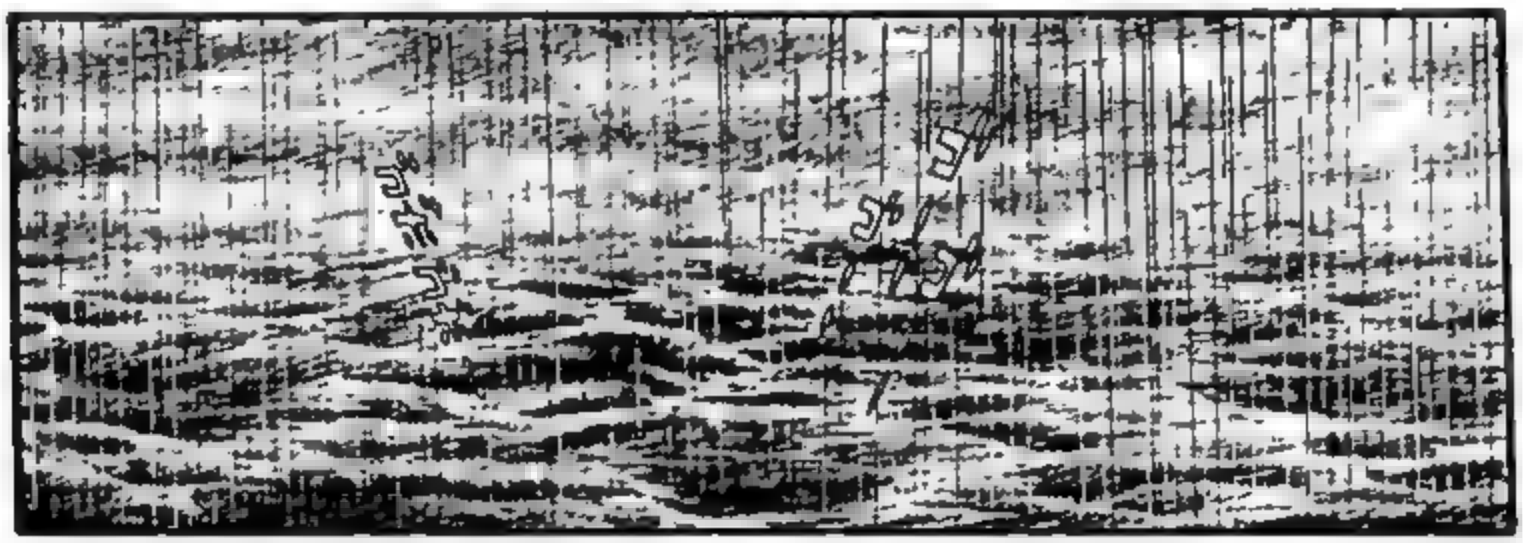
WELL, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. HE IS HERE, NOW.

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM OUT THERE, CAN WE?


NOW... PLEASE BRING HIM FORWARD.
YES.


IT IS YOUR TURN.





FINALLY CAME TO, HUH.

...OH, TSU-YOSHI.

OH. WE'RE INSIDE MOTHER'S BELLY.

HUH...?! MR. SHIBA?!

WH... WHERE ARE WE?!

"MOTHER"...? YOU MEAN... K'S MOTHER?!

...AH!

FOOD?!

SHIBA, SHOULD WE REALLY BE ACTING SO CARE-FREE ABOUT THIS?!

YOU WANT SOME?

UH-HUH. WELL, FOOD FINALLY GOT BROUGHT HERE...

...THAT'S RIGHT. PLEASE, HAVE SOME FOOD.

SO THIS IS MUCH MORE PRODUC-TIVE!

IT'S NO USE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU FIGHT BEING HERE... AND BESIDES, YOU CAN'T REALLY FIGHT ANYWAY ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.

HEY, TSUYOSHI... I KNOW...

...JUST HER VOICE, THOUGH.

THAT'S "MOTHER".

WHO... WHO'S THAT?!

WHAT?!

I'M NOT GOING BACK WITH YOU!

YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO CHECK ON ME, BUT...

NOT UNTIL I KNOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE "R.R.A.", THAT IS!!

YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO LEARN ANYTHING JUST SITTING AROUND IN-

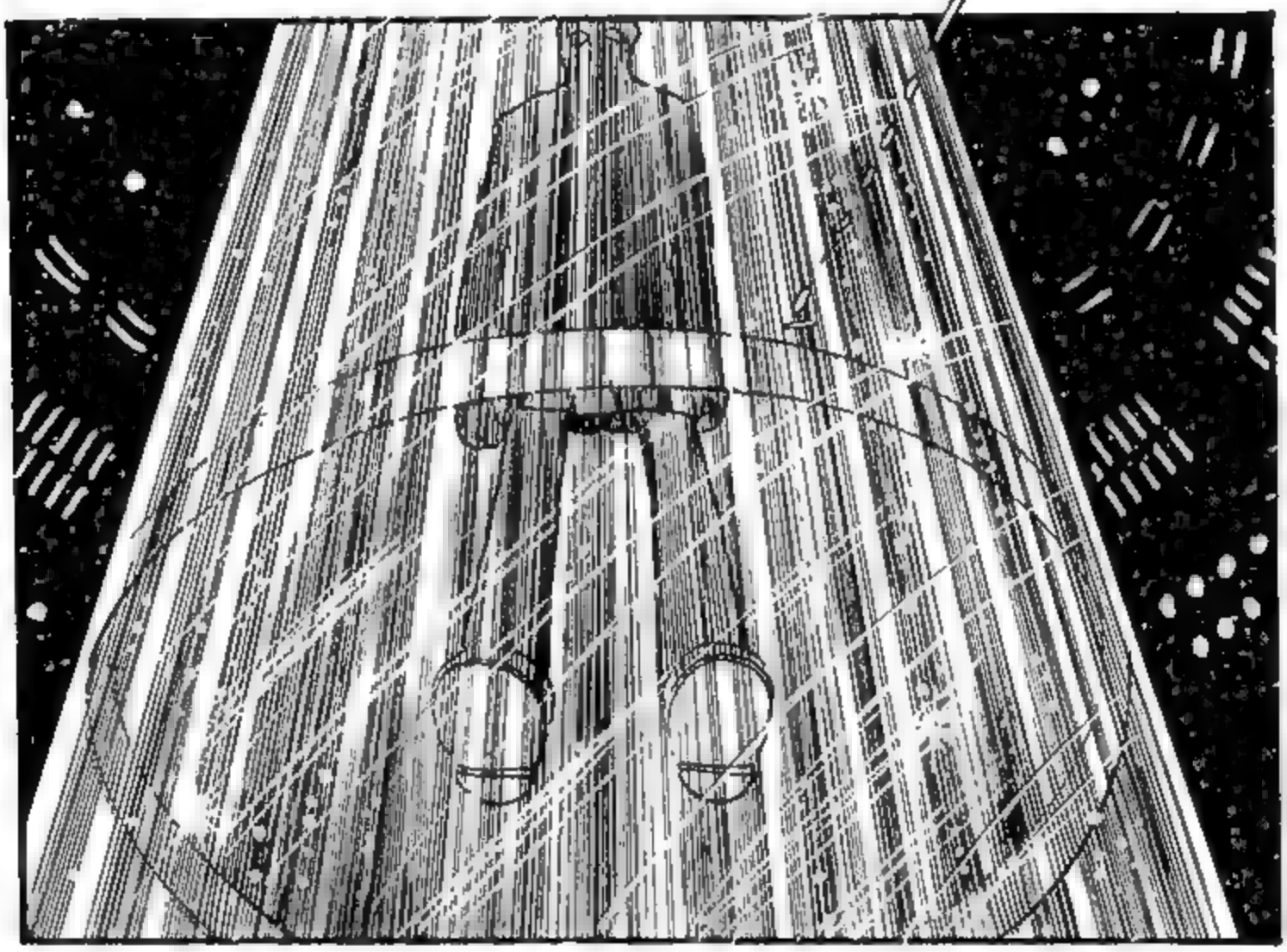
WELL, YEAH, ALL THE WITNESSES ARE DISAPPEARING ONE BY ONE, BUT..

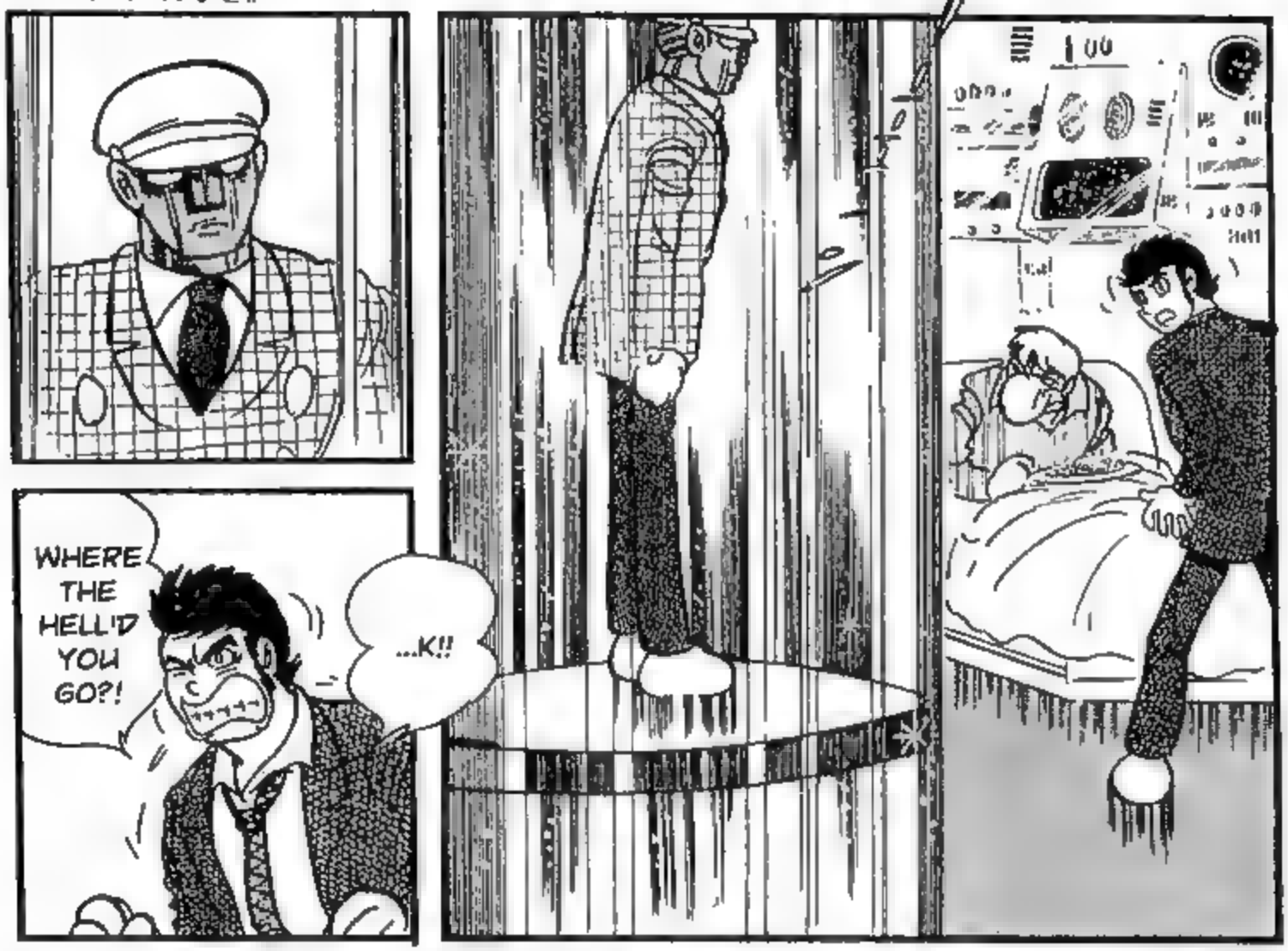
THE "R.R.A".. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS CASE?!

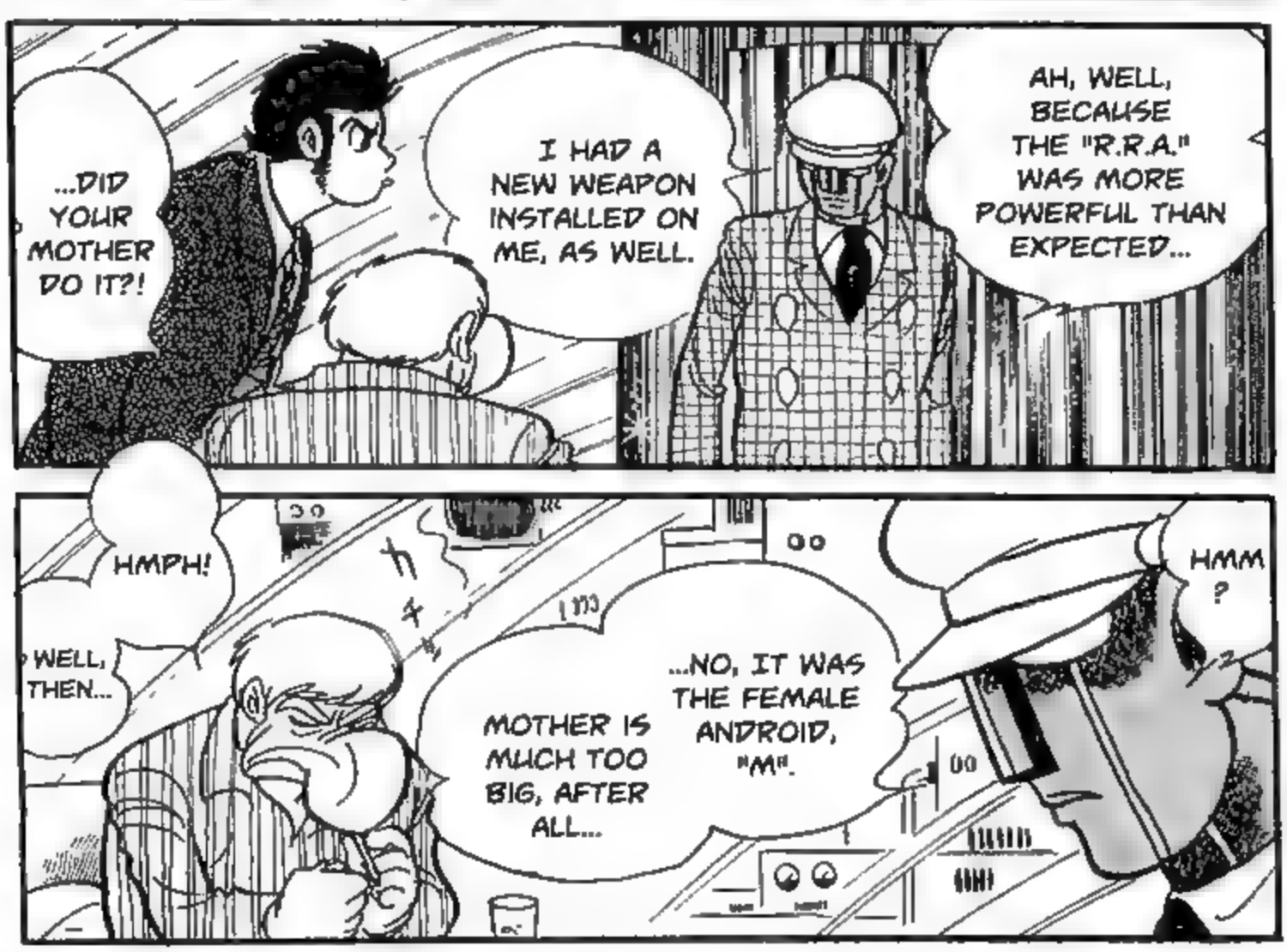
IF K'S MOTHER IS WILLING TO TALK, THAT IS!!

I CAN LEARN SOMETHING!

NO!




WHERE THE HELL'D YOU GO?!
...K!!


...DID YOUR MOTHER DO IT?!
I HAD A NEW WEAPON INSTALLED ON ME, AS WELL.
AH, WELL, BECAUSE THE "R.R.A." WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN EXPECTED...
HMPH!
WELL, THEN...
MOTHER IS MUCH TOO BIG, AFTER ALL...
...NO, IT WAS THE FEMALE ANDROID, "M".
HMM ?

YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY A SECRET EVEN FROM THE ROBOTS THAT YOU, YOURSELF CREATED!

...MOTHER! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, HUH?

AND THAT YOU KNOW THEIR TRUE IDENTITY...

AFTER TELLING ME THAT YOU CREATED K TO FIGHT THE "R.R.A."...

SECRETS, SECRETS, SECRETS!

EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU IS A SECRET!!

WHY IS THAT?!

WHY IS THAT?!

YOU REFUSE TO TELL ME MORE ABOUT THEM!

BULL-HOCKEY !!

I STILL CANNOT TELL YOU ANY MORE THAN I-

I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED IT ONCE BEFORE...

IF YOU'RE A PERSON... NO, MORE THAN THAT, IF YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO LOVES JUSTICE AS MUCH AS YOU CLAIM, WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME?!

KILL! PEOPLE!!

AND RENTS THEM OUT TO KILL PEOPLE!!

THE "R.R.A." CREATES ROBOTS...

I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS AL-READY, BUT...

EVEN JUST FOR K... DON'T YOU THINK HE COULD FIGHT BETTER IF HE KNEW WHO HE WAS FIGHTING AGAINST? DON'T YOU?!

AH... HAHH...

STOP...!

ANY MORE OF THIS, AND I... I'LL...

P... PLEASE STOP, MR. SHIBA!

AAA AAA UUU GHH HH

YOU... YES... IF YOU ARE A HUMAN BEING...

THEN HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WERE-

IT'S JUST LIFE AFTER PRECIOUS LIFE THAT'S BEEN LOST TO THIS GROUP!

OH, I'M NOT STOP-PING!!

M-MR. SHIBA!! PLEASE, STOP THIS!!

A... AHH! AHH! AHHH!!!

.....

PLEASE, DO NOT CHASTISE MOTHER ANY MORE THAN THIS...

...MO-THER!

I... I ALWAYS DID THINK THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE, BUT... THEN, WHY?

YOU ARE... A HUMAN, IS THAT RIGHT?!

IS IT JUST BECAUSE... YOUR BODY IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE...?!

WHY... HAVE YOU NOT EVEN LET ME SEE YOUR TRUE FORM, MOTHER?!

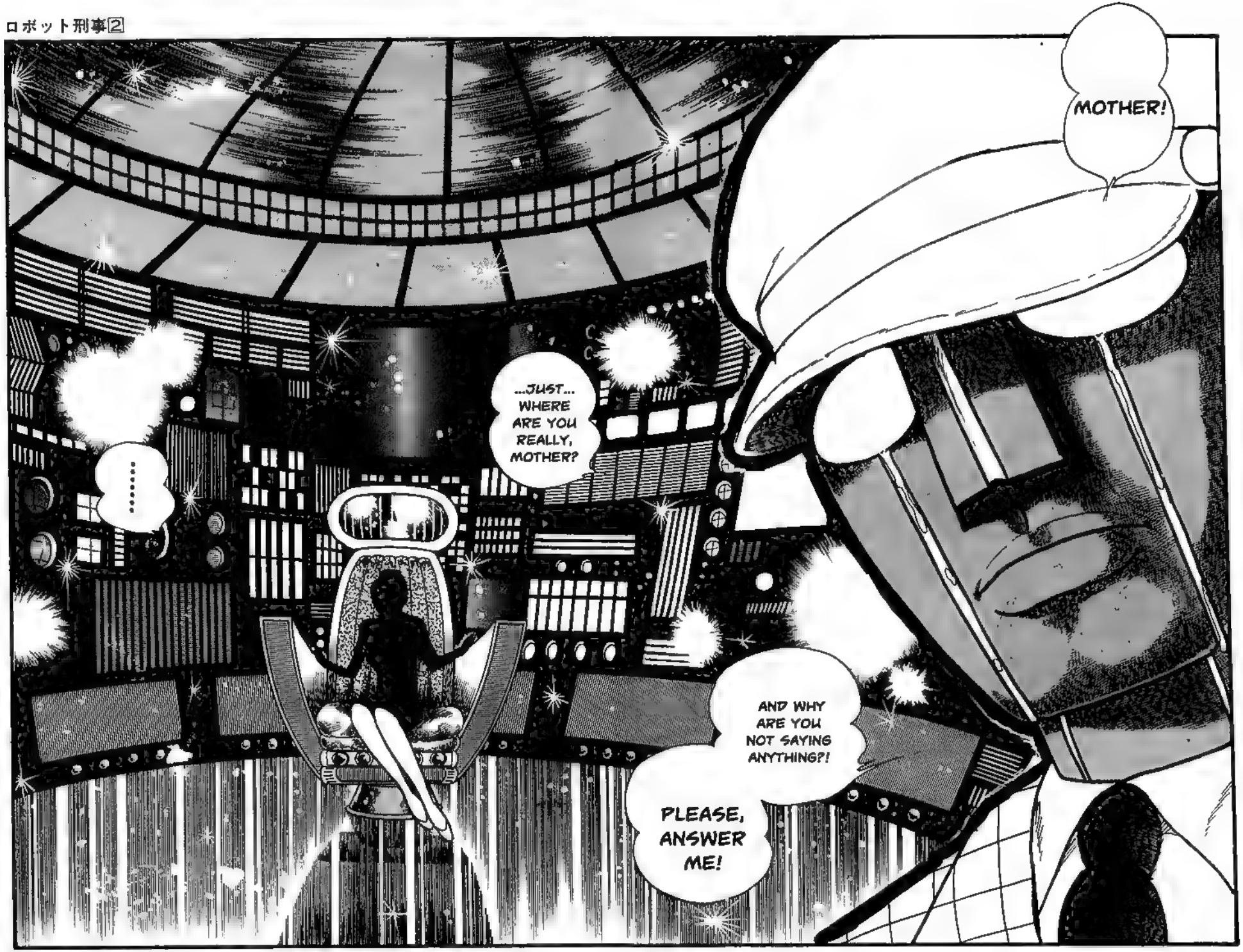
...K!

OH... K...

IS IT TRUE WHAT MR. SHIBA SAID...

THAT YOU KNOW THE R.R.A.'S TRUE IDENTITY?!

AND... ALSO, MOTHER ...


MOTHER!
...JUST... WHERE ARE YOU REALLY, MOTHER?
.....
AND WHY ARE YOU NOT SAYING ANYTHING?!
PLEASE, ANSWER ME!

MO-
THER!!

PLEASE...
ANSWER
ME!

RGH...

YOU MADE
A HUGE
MISTAKE!

MOTHER...

HE'S A ROBOT THAT CAN WORRY, CAN FEEL SAD... HE CAN EVEN CRY LIKE A HUMAN BEING!

IF IT PAINS YOU THIS MUCH, THEN... WHY WOULD YOU MAKE ROBOTS LIKE K TO BEGIN WITH?!

I COULD ONLY...

I HAD NO CHOICE...

I DID NOT HAVE ANY CHOICE!!

I COULD ONLY MAKE ROBOTS OF K'S MODEL!

ONES THAT HAD ASIMOV'S THREE LAWS OF ROBOTICS...

THE ONLY BLUEPRINTS I HAD LEFT WERE FOR ROBOTS WITH THE SAME INTELLECT AS HUMANS'!!

SO THOSE WOULD BE... THE ROBOTS FROM THE R.R.A.!

SO THAT MEANS... YOU USED TO HAVE BLUEPRINTS FOR OTHER MODELS OF ROBOTS... DOESN'T IT?!

...THE ONLY BLUE-PRINTS...

...YOU HAD LEFT...?

SO WHO, EXACTLY...

TOOK THEM FROM YOU?!

.....

MO-THER?!

I... I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU... ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE!!

...GET OUT! LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE!!

NO... I ABSOLUTELY SHALL NOT TELL YOU!!

...I SEE.

IF YOU THINK THAT WILL FIX EVERYTHING, YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!

WELL, IF YOU WANT US TO LEAVE, WE'LL LEAVE, BUT...

I WILL DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY FIND OUT ALL YOUR SECRETS!!

GET OUT!!!

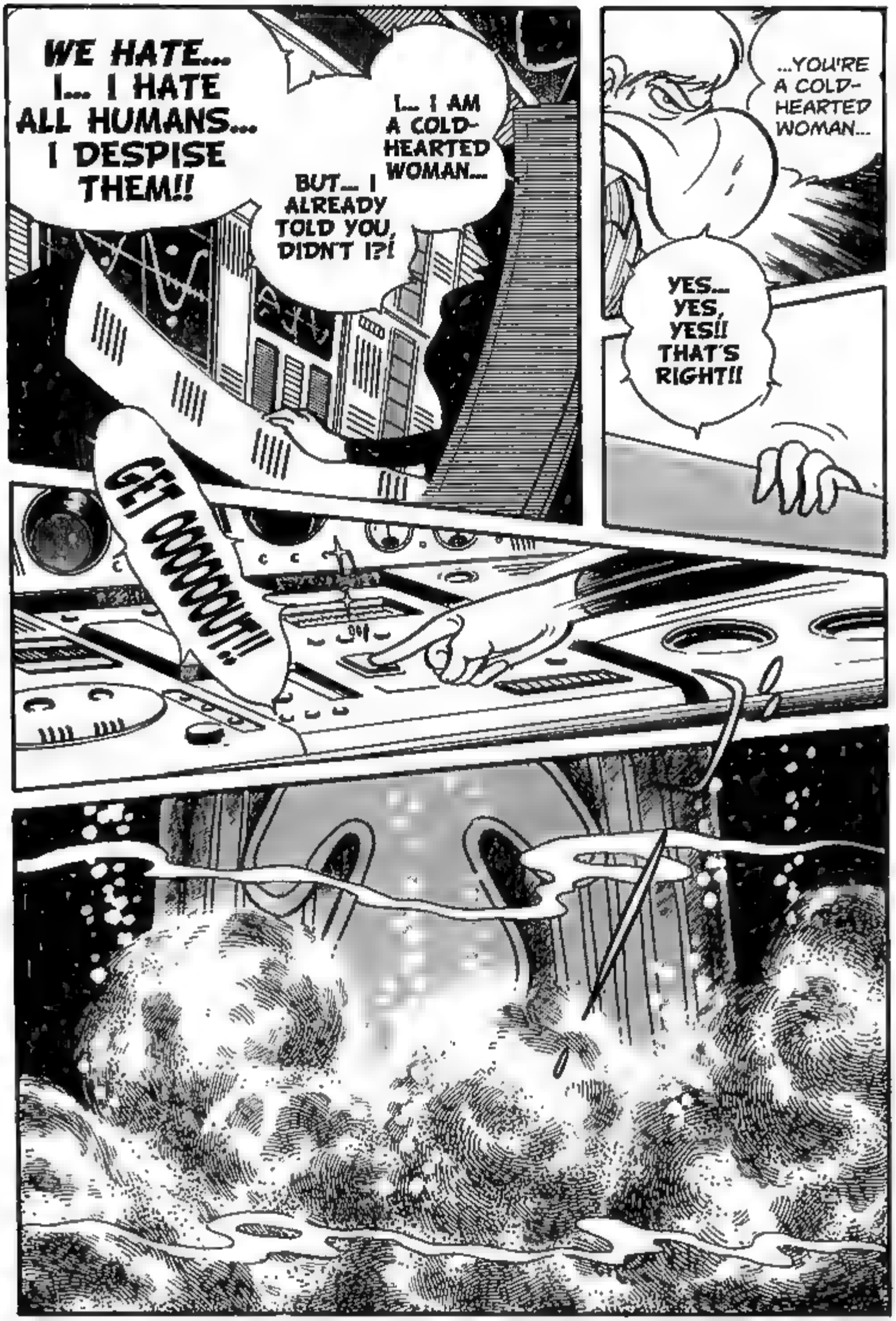
MO-THER!!

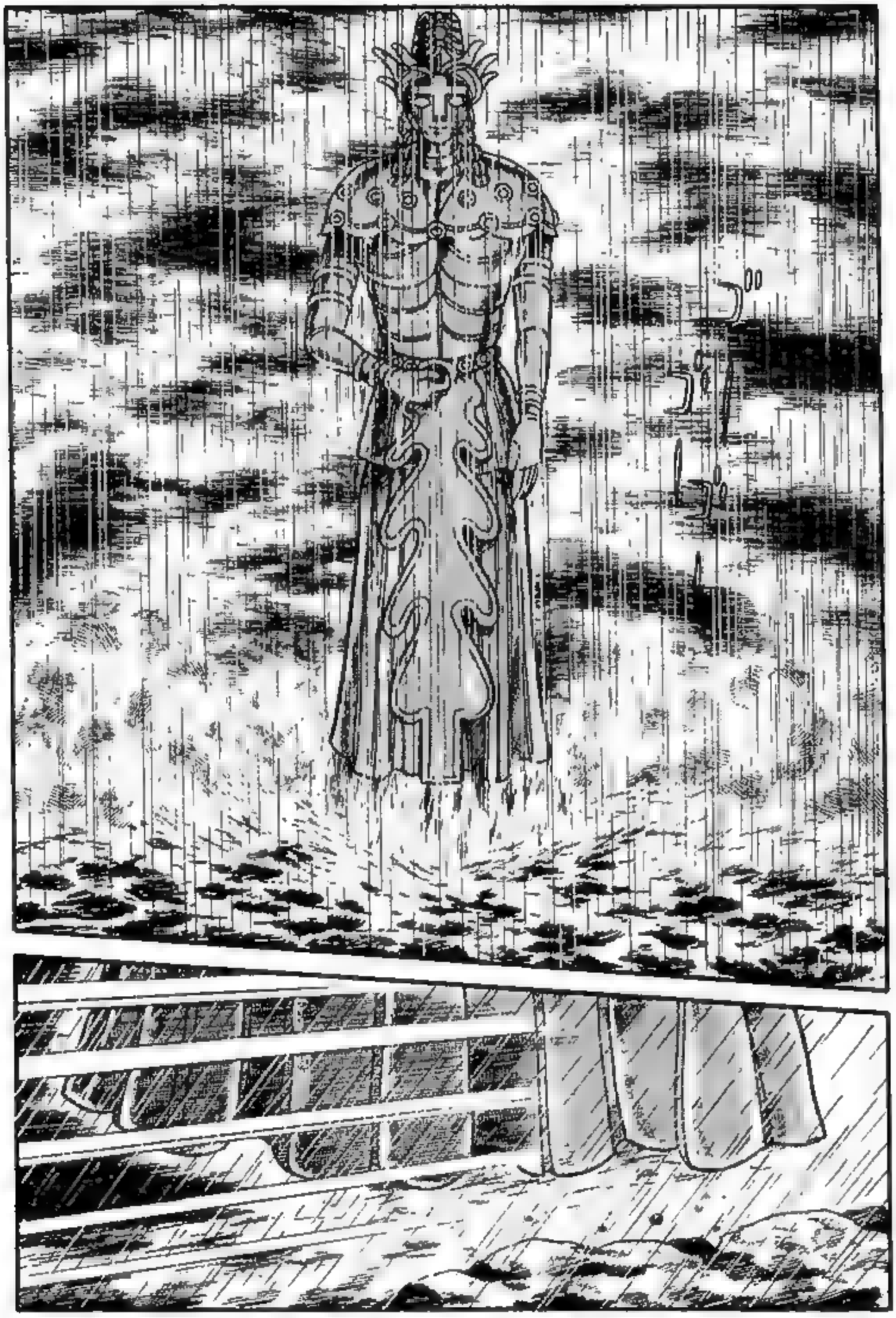
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU HERE, EVER AGAIN!!

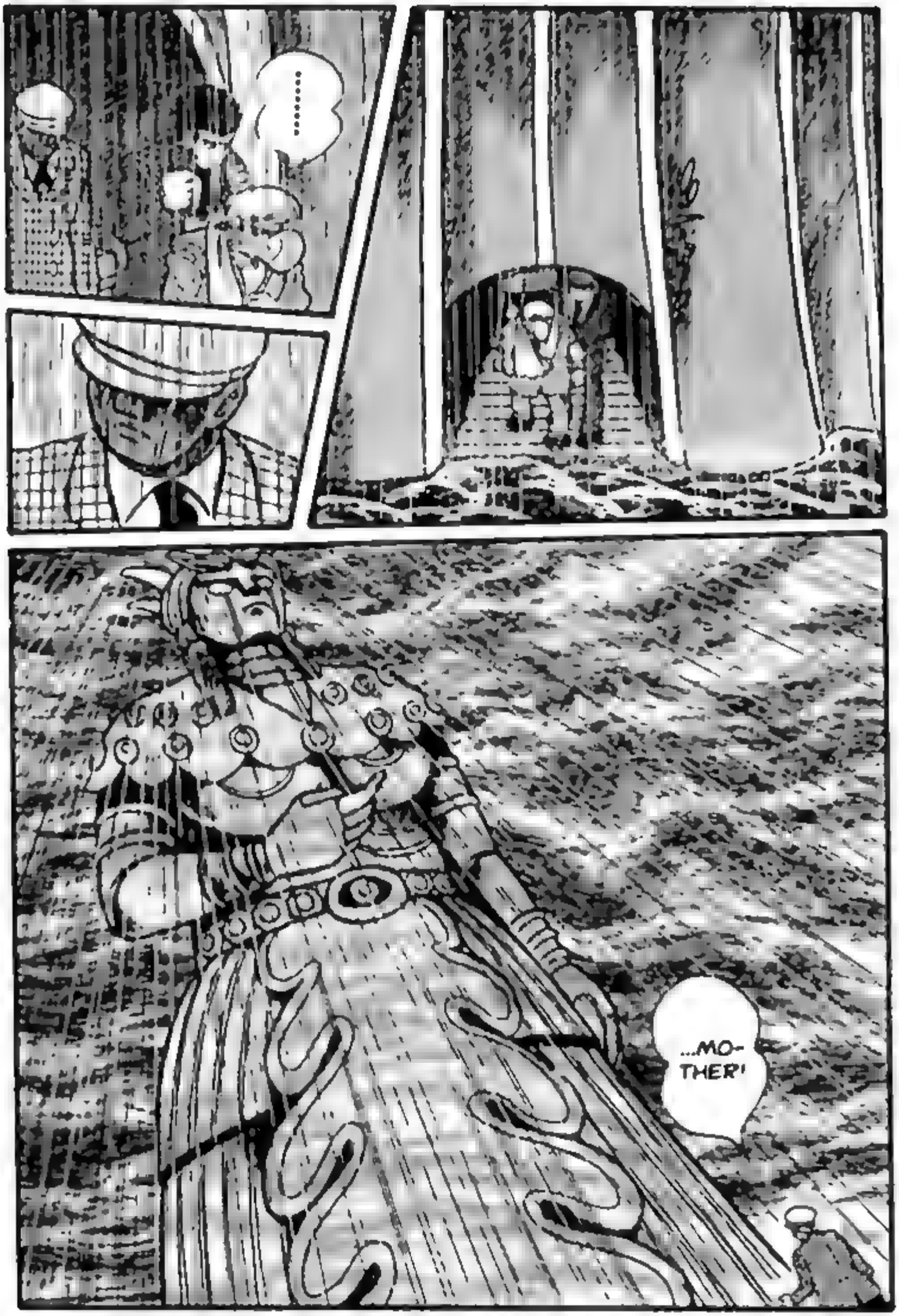
IT... IT WAS A MISTAKE TO EVER SEND YOU OUT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

K! YOU TOO!

MO-THER!!


WE HATE... I... I HATE ALL HUMANS... I DESPISE THEM!!
I... I AM A COLD-HEARTED WOMAN...
BUT... I ALREADY TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?!
...YOU'RE A COLD-HEARTED WOMAN...
YES... YES, YES!! THAT'S RIGHT!!
GET OOOOUT!!!

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...MO-
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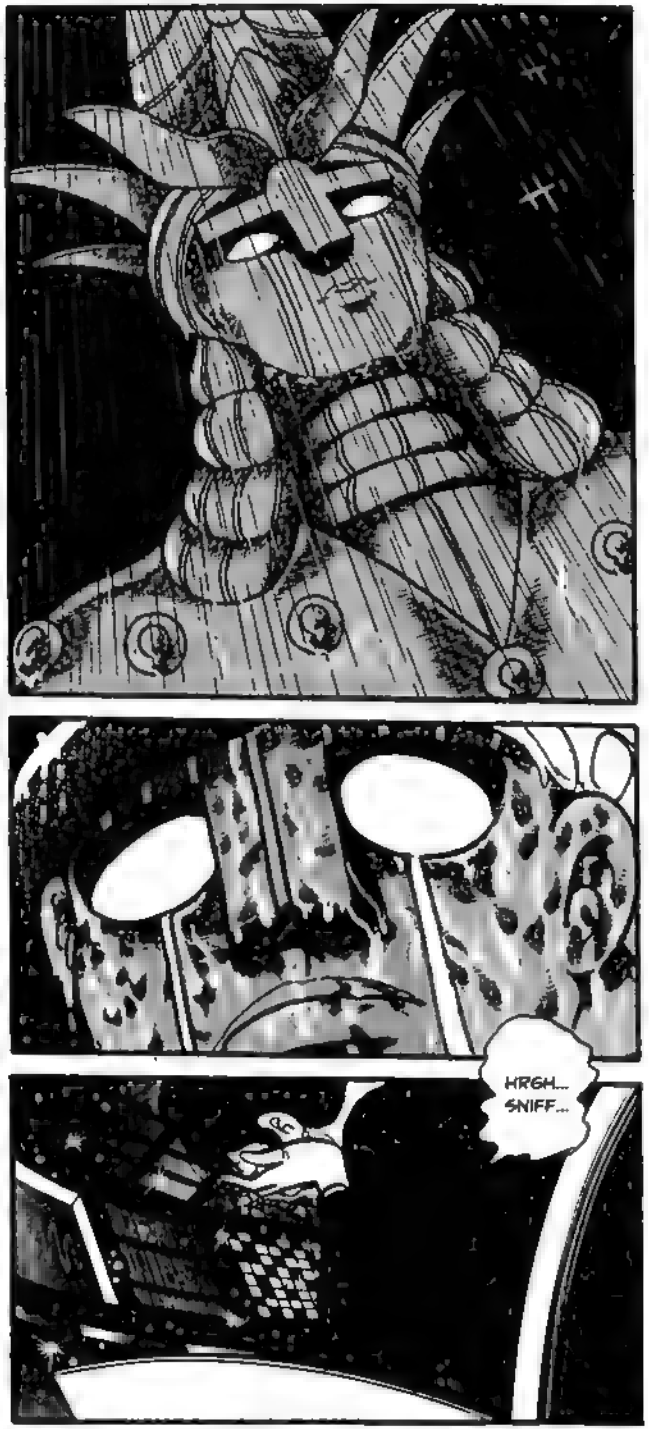
MOTHEEEEEER!!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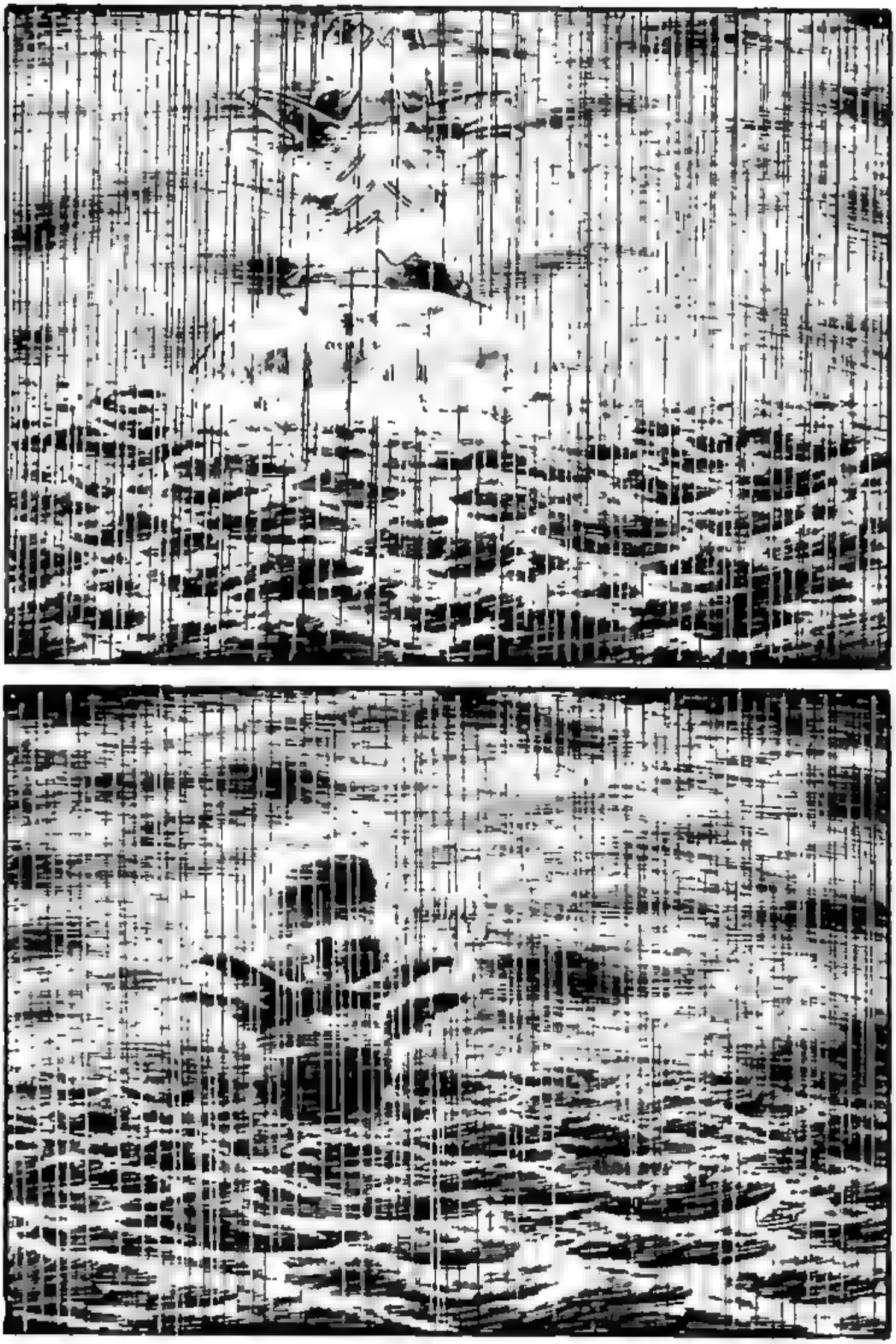
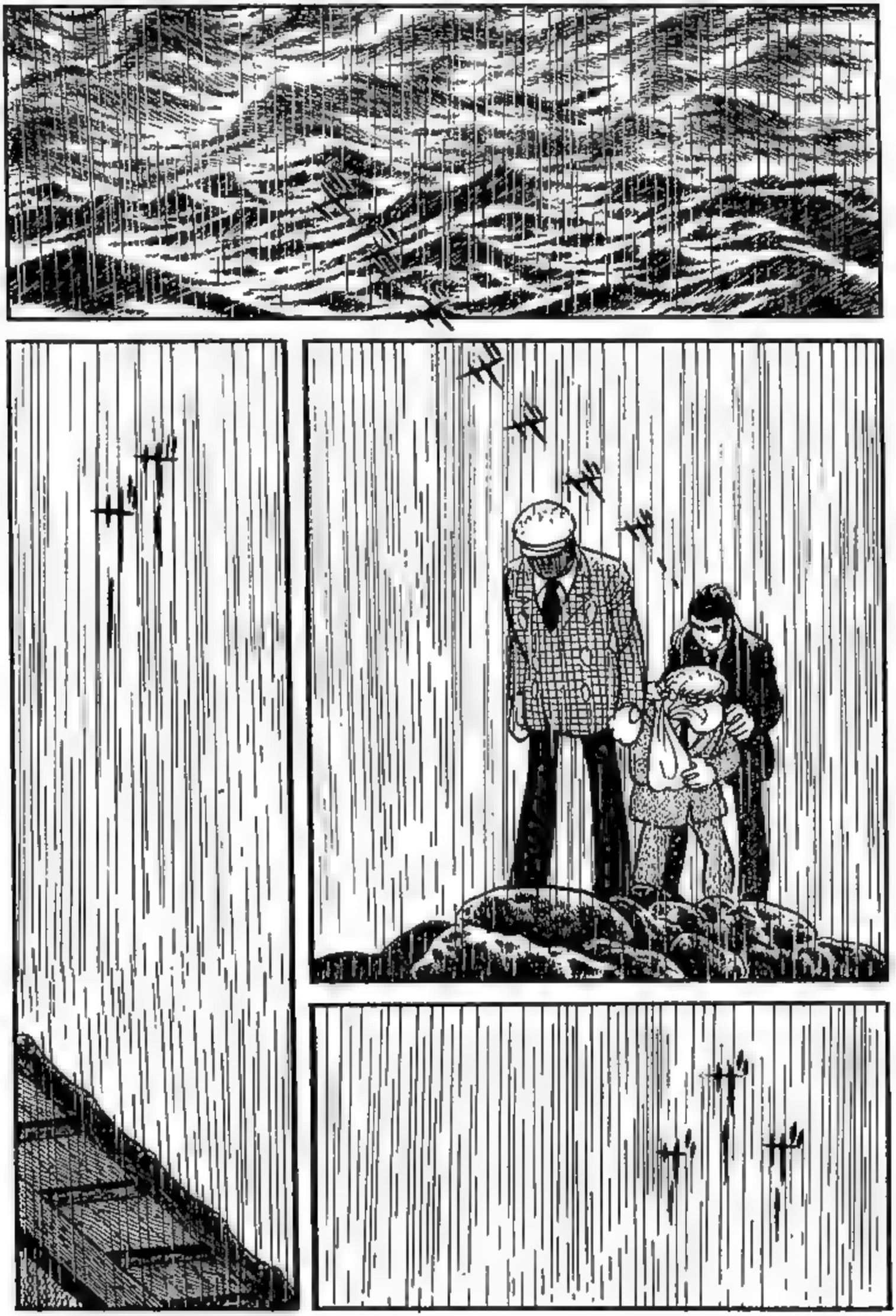
SNIFF...





...JUST LEAVE HIM BE!
HE HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE HE CAME BACK...
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS WRONG WITH K?
IT'S REALLY POURING OUT THERE!
...UM, FATHER?

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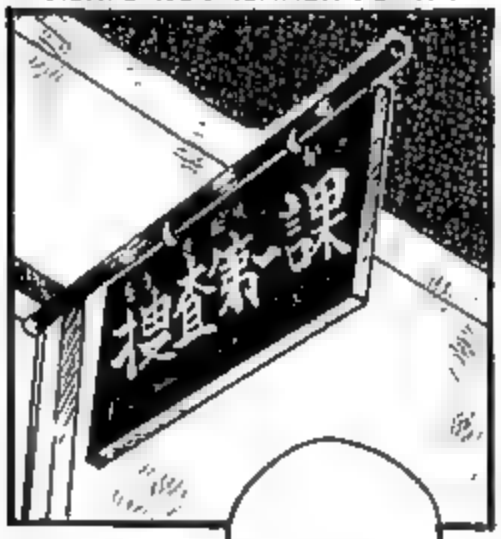

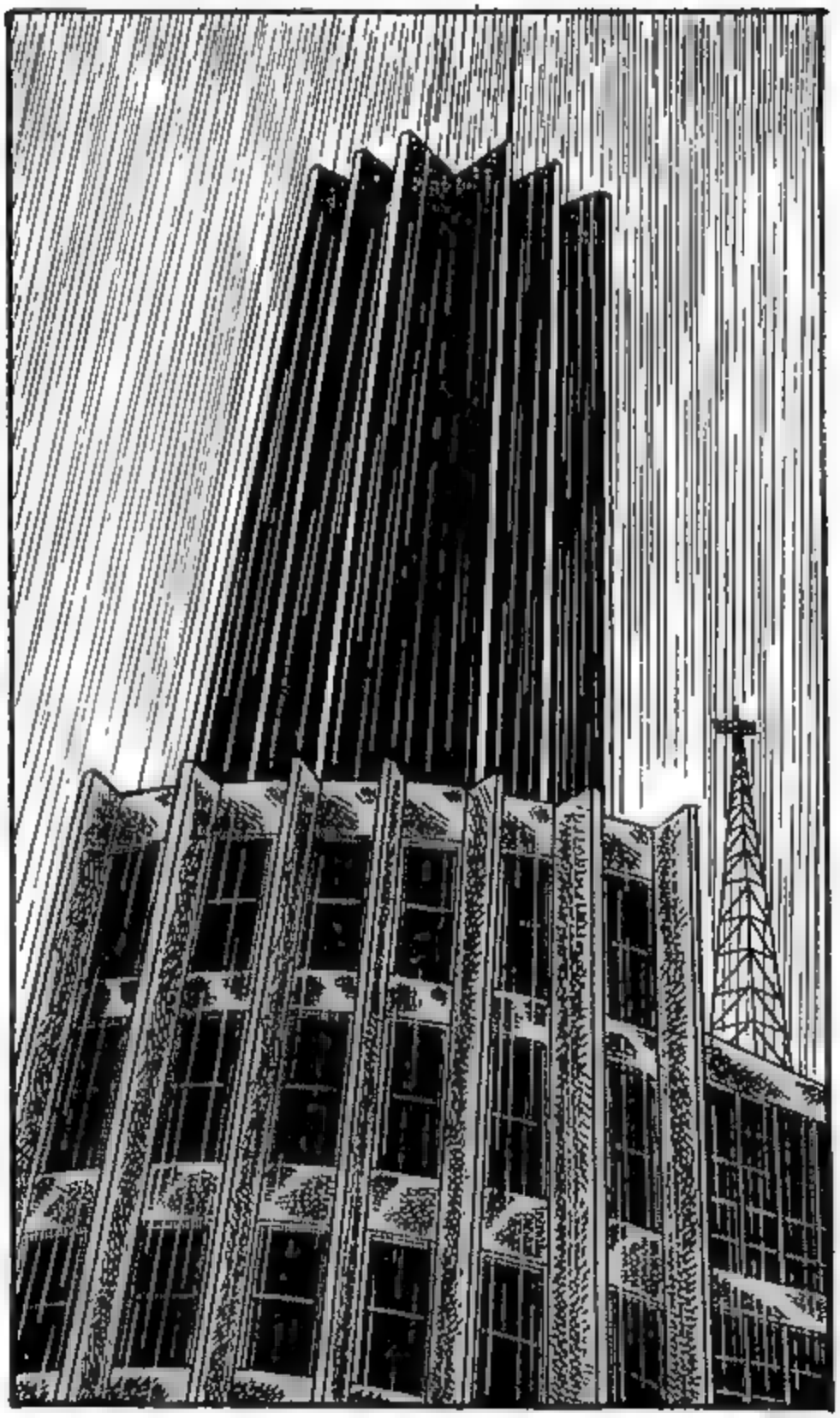

WELL, HER DAD'S BEEN MUR-DERED !!
REMEMBER THAT GIRL THAT CAME TO YOU ASKING FOR HELP?!
HE... HEY, BRO! THIS IS HORRIBLE!!
WHA-... YOU MEAN OHSE GENKICHI?!
GOLDEN TRIANGLE... PYTHAGORUS...

CREATING YOU WAS A MISTAKE!!
EVERYTHING I'VE MADE YOU DO WAS A MISTAKE...
CREATING YOU WAS A MISTAKE!!
... MOTHER!!
K! YOU LEAVE, TOO!
SENDING YOU TO THE POLICE IN THE FIRST PLACE...
WAS A MISTAKE!

HIS MOTHER SAID THAT...?!

WHY ARE YOU TWO SO CONCERNED ABOUT K, ANYWAY?

NAMI. YUMI. ...STILL...

JUST...

...BE-CAUSE!

IS... IS THAT WHY...

K IS ACTING SO DE-JECTED ...?

YEAH...

HE'S A MONSTER, AFTER ALL.

I GUESS IT'S USELESS TO SAY NOT TO WORRY ABOUT HIM...

...HM.

WHAT-EVER

ALL OF THAT GIVES ME THE CREEPS JUST THINKING ABOUT HIM!

NO... IT'D STILL BE OKAY IF THAT WAS ALL, BUT... HE CRIES AND FEELS SAD LIKE A HUMAN... HE EVEN SAYS HE CAN FEEL HAPPY...

HE'S A PUPPET MADE OF SCRAP METAL THAT CAN WALK AND TALK...

I JUST THINK...

I DON'T THINK HE'S ALL THAT CREEPY AT ALL!

THAT'S TOO MUCH...

IF HE'S A MACHINE, HE SHOULD ACT LIKE A MACHINE!

IT'S BECAUSE A MACHINE MOVES SO MUCH LIKE A HUMAN...

HE IS CREEPY!

...THIS IS GETTING ME TOO EXCITED!

I'M DONE TALKING ABOUT IT!!

...

CAN WE COME IN?

K...

TV

COME IN... AH... YES...

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BUT IT'S NO USE GETTING SO UPSET ABOUT IT!

HUH?

YOU'RE BEING DUMB, K!

YOUR MOTHER... SHE SCOLDED YOU, DIDN'T SHE?

YEAH, YEAH! ESPECIALLY MOMS AND DADS!

HUMANS SOMETIMES SAY THINGS WITHOUT THINKING IT THROUGH!

I'M SURE YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T MEAN ALL THOSE THINGS SHE SAID...

I SPENT TOO LONG PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS...

LIKE, UM... OH YEAH, IT WAS A RAINY DAY LIKE THIS ONE!

DAD'S GOTTEN ANGRY AT ME PLENTY OF TIMES **BEFORE**.

COME TO THINK OF IT... NAMI CAME OUTSIDE WITH ME WITH AN UMBRELLA... RIGHT?

AND SHOVED ME OUT THE DOOR.

WHEN I DID COME BACK, DAD SAID "A GIRL WHO COMES BACK LATE IS NO CHILD OF MINE! GET OUT!"

SO I WAS LATE COMING BACK HOME.

AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS TOO ASHAMED TO APOLOGIZE DIRECTLY, MY DAD...

...BUT IN THE END, HE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT

THAT IS... QUITE A STORY...

KNOCKED OVER THE TEA KETTLE ON PURPOSE AND SHOUTED "HEY, YOU TWO! GET IN HERE AND HELP CLEAN THIS UP!"

MISS NAMI... YOU REALLY ARE A KIND WOMAN...

YEP! PARENTS ARE ALL LIKE THAT, SO...

..OH MY...

'SCUSE ME!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.

..THAT MUST BE MR. SHINJO.

.....

HE'S FINE...

.....

HEY, NAMI! HOW'S MR. SHIBA?

.....
YOU... ...K! YOU LIKE NAMI, DON'T YOU?
HMM ...?
AH... NO... I-I WAS JUST...
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T THINK THINGS LIKE THAT!
MY BIG SISTER'S GONNA GET MARRIED TO MR. SHINJO...
AND BESIDES... YOU'RE NOT EVEN A REAL HUMAN!
.....

WELL, MR. SHIBA...

I'D BETTER BE OFF... I HAVE TO VISIT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

AND CHECK IN WITH MY BRO ABOUT IT, SO...

HUH?

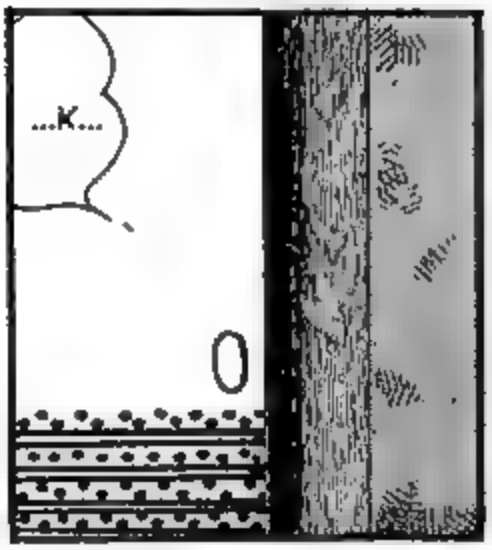
NO WAY... MR. SHIBA, EVEN WITHOUT THAT... ROBOT BASTARD'S POWER, I'M SURE I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT JUST FINE.

OH, YEAH... TSUYOSHI... YOU WANT TO BRING K WITH YOU?

RIGHT.

"ROBOT BASTARD", HUH...

THAT TSUYOSHI... I THINK I'M RUBBING OFF ON HIM!



Despite knowing it cannot
be, human poets vocalize
That heaven's tears turn to rain
and fall down from the skies

Is it human to hide the truth
behind pretty words?
Is it human to hide kindess
behind coldhearted words?
Of this kind of thing I cannot
begin to surmise.
(A Poem by K)

...SORRY ABOUT EARLIER ...
I NEED YOU TO LOOK AT SOMETHING FOR ME...
HERE!
K...
.....
SO? CAN YOU MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF IT?
SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS SOMEONE KILLED WHO WAS RELATED TO THE FIRST GUY.
① Golden Triangle
② Pythagorus
③ Mount Amagi
④ Kan'on'yama
Matsuzaki Youichirou
Ohse Genkichi

THAT'S THEIR RELATION.

IT SEEMS THEY WERE BOTH EMPLOYED BY THE BANK OF JAPAN UP UNTIL 1945, THE END OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

FROM WHAT THE SHINJO BROTHERS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM...

WITH MATSUZAKI YOUICHI-ROU, THAT MAKES TWO!

...OHSE GEN-KICHI...

THE KEY TO ANSWERING THAT QUESTION IS PROBABLY HIDDEN IN THAT CODE!

BUT WHY WOULD THOSE TWO BE KILLED BY THE R.R.A.?

...SO, THINKING THAT, I'VE READ LEBLANC'S "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" AND LOOKED OVER PYTHAGORUS' THEOREM...

AND GOT OUT A MAP TO CHECK THE LOCATIONS OF MOUNT AMAGI AND KAN'ON'YAMA, BUT...

WELL, FRANKLY, I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT A THING.

KAN'ON'YAMA

MOUNT AMAGI

...OKAY.

THERE IS MOST LIKELY "GOLD" HIDDEN AT THAT POINT ON THE MAP.

AND IF WE PRESUME THAT THOSE JOKES ARE PLAYS ON WORDS...

I DO NOT THINK THAT LIST IS A CODE...

HMM?

IT IS MORE LIKELY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF A MEMO, AND HALF THE WORDS IN IT WERE JOKES.

THEN "GOLDEN TRIANGLE"* WOULD REFER TO THE ***THREE*** PEOPLE THAT KNEW WHERE THE ***GOLD*** WAS ***HIDDEN.***

*T/N: IN JAPANESE, "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" TRANSLATES TO "KIN SANKAKU" THE THREE KANJI IN THIS ARE "KIN", "SAN", AND "KAKU" KIN MEANS GOLD, AND SAN MEANS THREE FOR KAKU, THE KANJI MEANS "ANGLE", BUT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE READ ALOUD TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE "KAKUSU", THE VERB FOR HIDDEN

BUT SINCE I DO NOT PRESUME YOU COULD HIDE ANYTHING IN THE MIDDLE OF A TOWN, THIS IS THE ONLY OTHER POINT THAT COULD COMPLETE THE TRIANGLE.

WITH MOUNT AMAGI AND KIN'ON'YAMA AS TWO OF THE POINTS, THERE ARE ONLY TWO EQUILATERAL TRIANGLES THAT CAN BE MADE.

"PYTHA-GORUS" MEANS TO DRAW AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE.

AHHH! I GET IT, NOW!

THAT'S EXCELLENT, K! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!

SO THAT'S IT, THEN!

SO THE THIRD ONE WHO KNEW WHERE THE GOLD WAS HIDDEN HAS TO BE THE CULPRIT WHO HIRED THE R.R.A.!

I... I GET IT!

THAT YOU ARE BEING KIND TO ME...

I... I AM SO HAPPY...

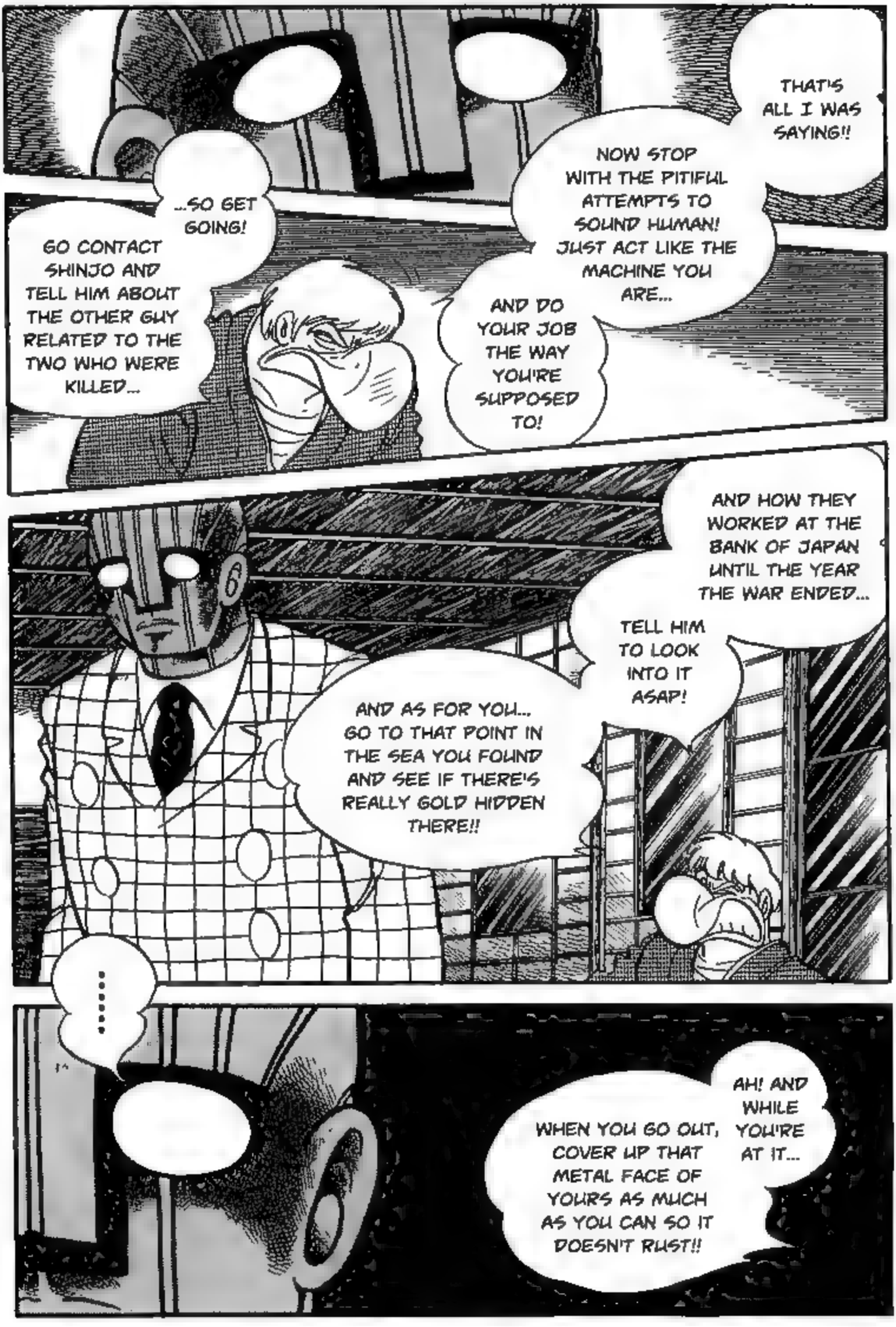
HMM?

MR. SHIBA...!

I WAS JUST... SAYING THAT YOU DID YOUR JOB AS A MACHINE WELL, THIS TIME!!

Y... YOU IDIOT!

DON'T GET ALL MUSHY ON ME!!


THAT'S ALL I WAS SAYING!!
NOW STOP WITH THE PITIFUL ATTEMPTS TO SOUND HUMAN! JUST ACT LIKE THE MACHINE YOU ARE...
AND DO YOUR JOB THE WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO!
...SO GET GOING!
GO CONTACT SHINJO AND TELL HIM ABOUT THE OTHER GUY RELATED TO THE TWO WHO WERE KILLED...
AND HOW THEY WORKED AT THE BANK OF JAPAN UNTIL THE YEAR THE WAR ENDED...
TELL HIM TO LOOK INTO IT ASAP!
AND AS FOR YOU... GO TO THAT POINT IN THE SEA YOU FOUND AND SEE IF THERE'S REALLY GOLD HIDDEN THERE!!
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AH! AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT...
WHEN YOU GO OUT, COVER UP THAT METAL FACE OF YOURS AS MUCH AS YOU CAN SO IT DOESN'T RUST!!

...IT'S REALLY POURING OUT THERE... DAMMIT!!

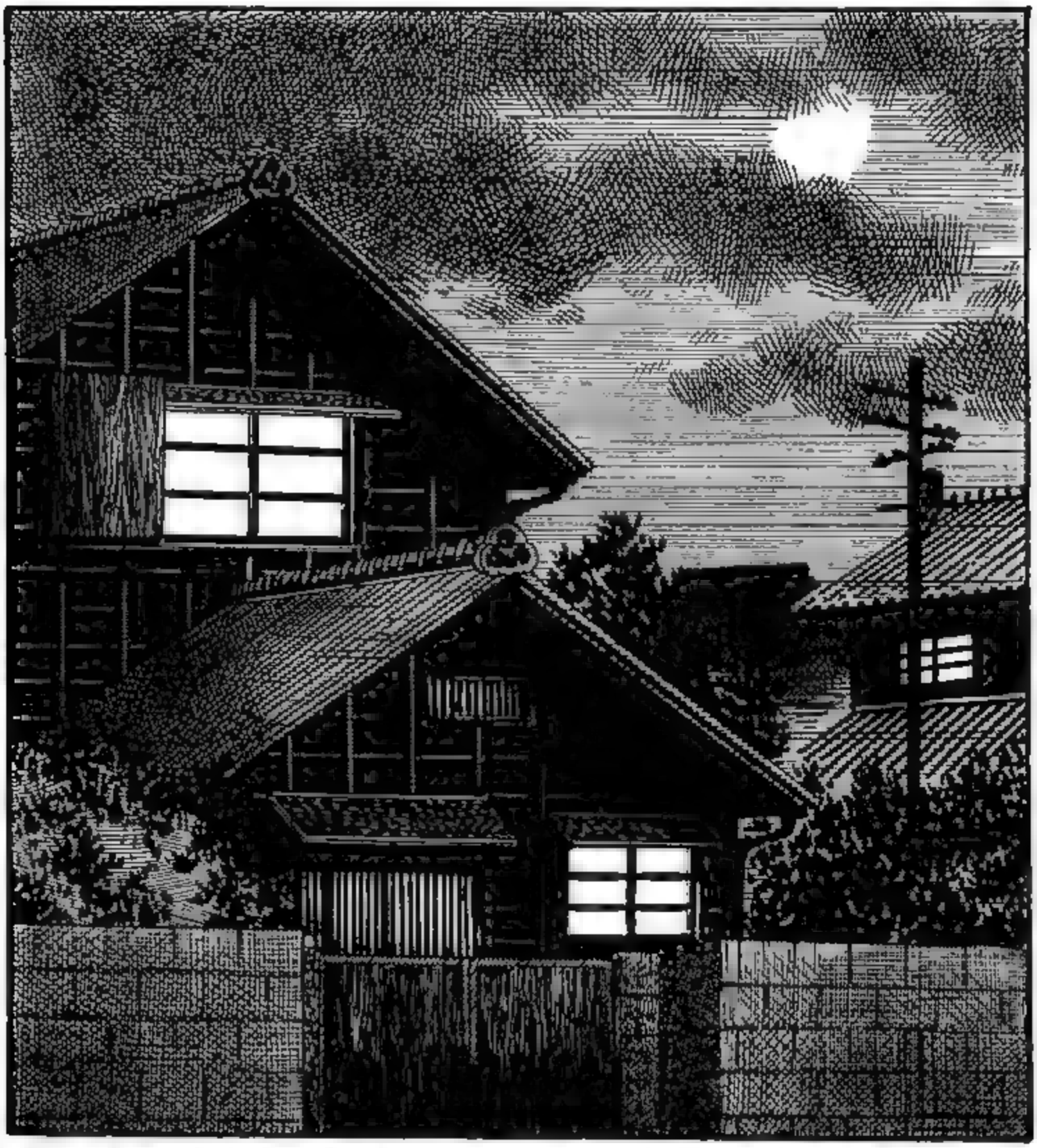
HMPH... ALL HE NEEDS TO DO IS RECKLESSLY DO HIS JOB!!

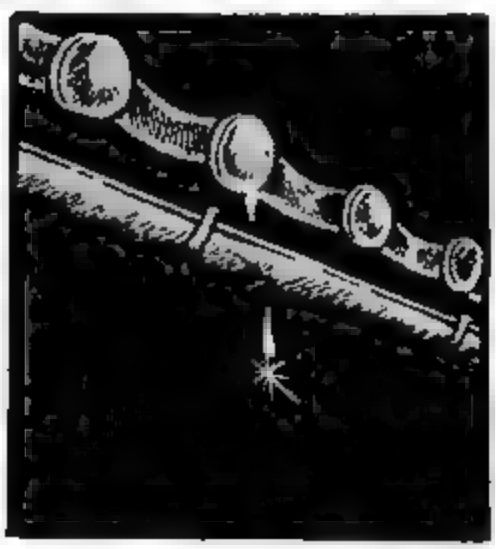
HE NEEDS MORE ATTENTION THAN MY DAUGHTERS!!

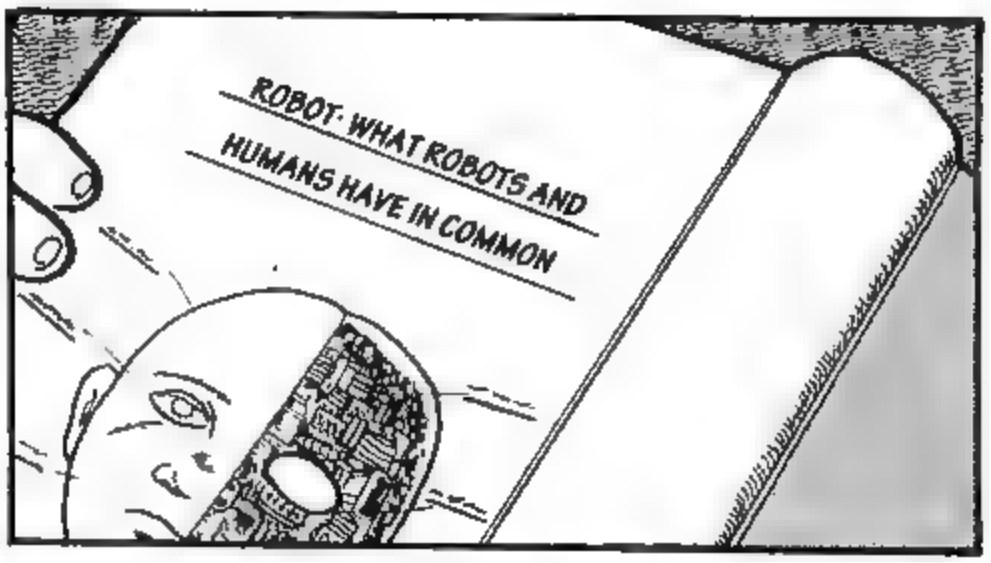
HONESTLY...

IT WAS A MISTAKE TO EVER CREATE YOU!!

I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU HERE AGAIN!






ROBOT· WHAT ROBOTS AND
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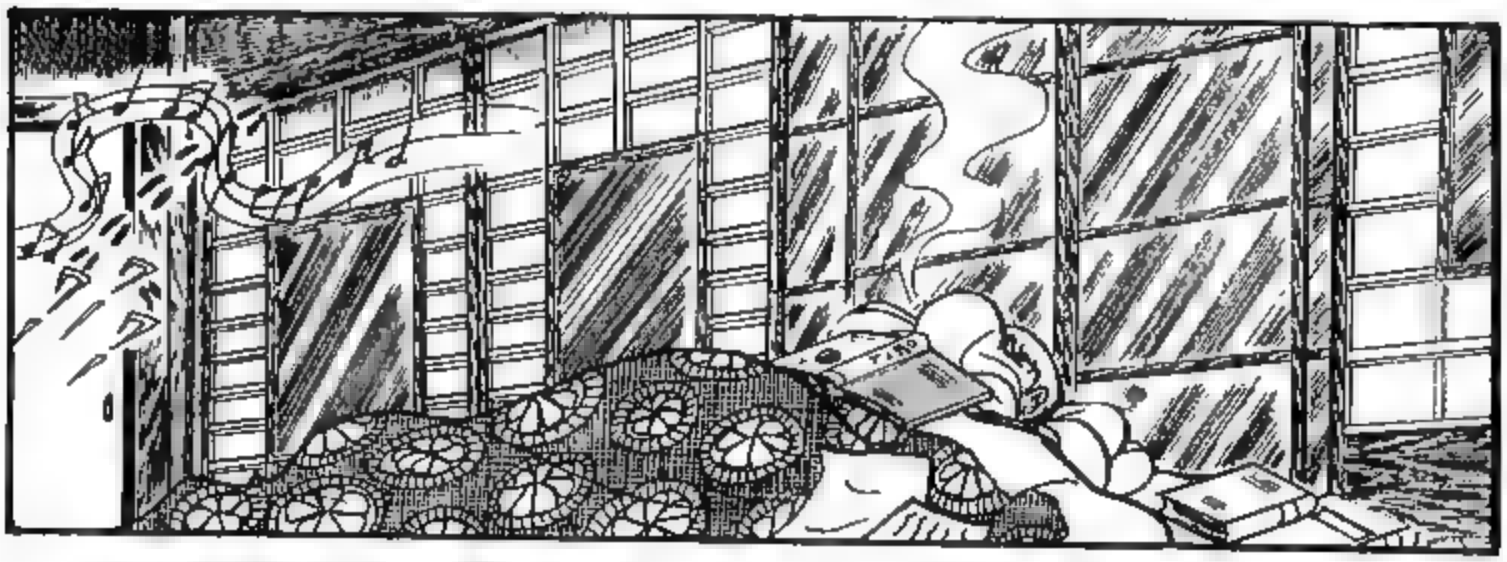

HELLO? ...AH! MR. SHINJO!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET IT.

THE PHONE'S RINGING!

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YEAH, YEAH.

YEAH... UH HUH... AH HAH! SO IT WAS AN OLD BANK CLERK FOR THE BANK OF JAPAN, LIKE WE THOUGHT!

WHAT?

UH-HUH... SO YOU GOT THE GUY, HUH?

FIGURING OUT THAT THIS "MATSUDA" GUY HAD BEEN GOING IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE OF THE TWO WHO WERE KILLED, AND THAT HE WAS THEIR MUTUAL FRIEND, WAS... UH, YEAH, IT WAS PRETTY SIMPLE.

YOU WERE EXACTLY RIGHT! IT'S JUST LIKE YOU THOUGHT, MR. SHIBA!

YES... THAT... THAT'S RIGHT!

IT WAS RIGHT IN OUR VERY OWN PRISON!!

WHERE DO YOU THINK WE FOUND HIM?

THIS "MATSU-DA"... BY THE WAY, MR. SHIBA...

HMM?

I TELL YA, HE'S A SMART GUY...

JUST BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR.

IT WAS 1945...

THE BANK OF JAPAN HAD A GIANT SAFE VAULT DEEP UNDER-GROUND...

IT WAS SO THE GOVERN-MENT AND MILITARY COULD WIN THE WAR...

THEY HID IT ALL FROM THE CIVI-LIANS...

ALL THAT GOLD AND ALL THOSE DIAMONDS...

HE GOT ARRESTED FOR A SMALL FRAUD CRIME AND HAS BEEN IN PRISON FOR IT FOR THE PAST MONTH.

THAT'S RIGHT, HE "CREATED AN ALIBI".

HE HIRED THE R.R.A. TO DO HIS KILLING, AND THEN PREPARED FOR THE WORST BY LOCKING HIMSELF UP HERE.

THAT'D LET HIM REST EASY EVEN AFTER THE TWO OF THEM WERE KILLED, BUT...

AFTER WE TOLD HIM WE KNEW ALL ABOUT THE R.R.A. AND WHAT THEY COULD DO, HE COUGHED UP THE TRUTH STRAIGHT AWAY!

THERE WERE EVEN GIANT JEWELS AND VAST AMOUNTS OF PRECIOUS METALS DOWN THERE!
AND ON THE DAY OF JAPAN'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER ON AUGUST 15TH...
LED BY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, AMERICA'S STATIONED TROOPS BEGAN TO FILE INTO JAPAN... IT LED TO A HUGE UPROAR.
THEN WENT SOUTH OF IZUSHIMODA HARBOR IN A BOAT AND HID THEM AT THE THIRD POINT OF THE EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE MADE WITH MOUNT AMAGI AND KIN'ON'YAMA AS TWO OF THE POINTS.
WE BROUGHT THE GOLD BARS AND SOME OTHER PRECIOUS METALS OUT SECRETLY...
AND THE THREE OF US USED THAT UPROAR TO OUR ADVANTAGE!

IT SEEMS THEY AGREED THAT IF THE OTHER TWO DISAPPEARED THE TWO OF THEM WOULD SPLIT THE TREASURE.

HMM... HMM...

THIS ALSO GOES TO SHOW..

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

BY THE WAY, ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO, I MET WITH A STRANGE MAN...

WHO I TOLD ALL ABOUT WHERE I HAD HIDDEN OUR TREASURE...!

..AND THAT WOULD BE THE AGENT OF THE R.R.A.

IF HE KNEW THAT MUCH ALREADY HE COULD'VE JUST GONE AND RETRIEVED THE TREASURE HIMSELF, BUT HE PURPOSEFULLY AGREED TO SPLIT IT WITH HIM...

HOW THE BOSS OF THE R.R.A. FOLLOWS HIS CODE OF CRIME SO RELIGIOUSLY.

BUT THEN, WHAT HE WAS TOLD MIGHT HAVE JUST UNEXPECTEDLY BEEN A RUMOR AND NOT AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF WHERE THE TREASURE WAS HIDDEN. ...YEAH.

...IN ANY CASE... WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN REALLY EXPECT ANYTHING, BUT TRY AND ASK HIM IF HE CAN TELL YOU A BIT MORE ABOUT THIS STRANGE MAN HE MET WITH.

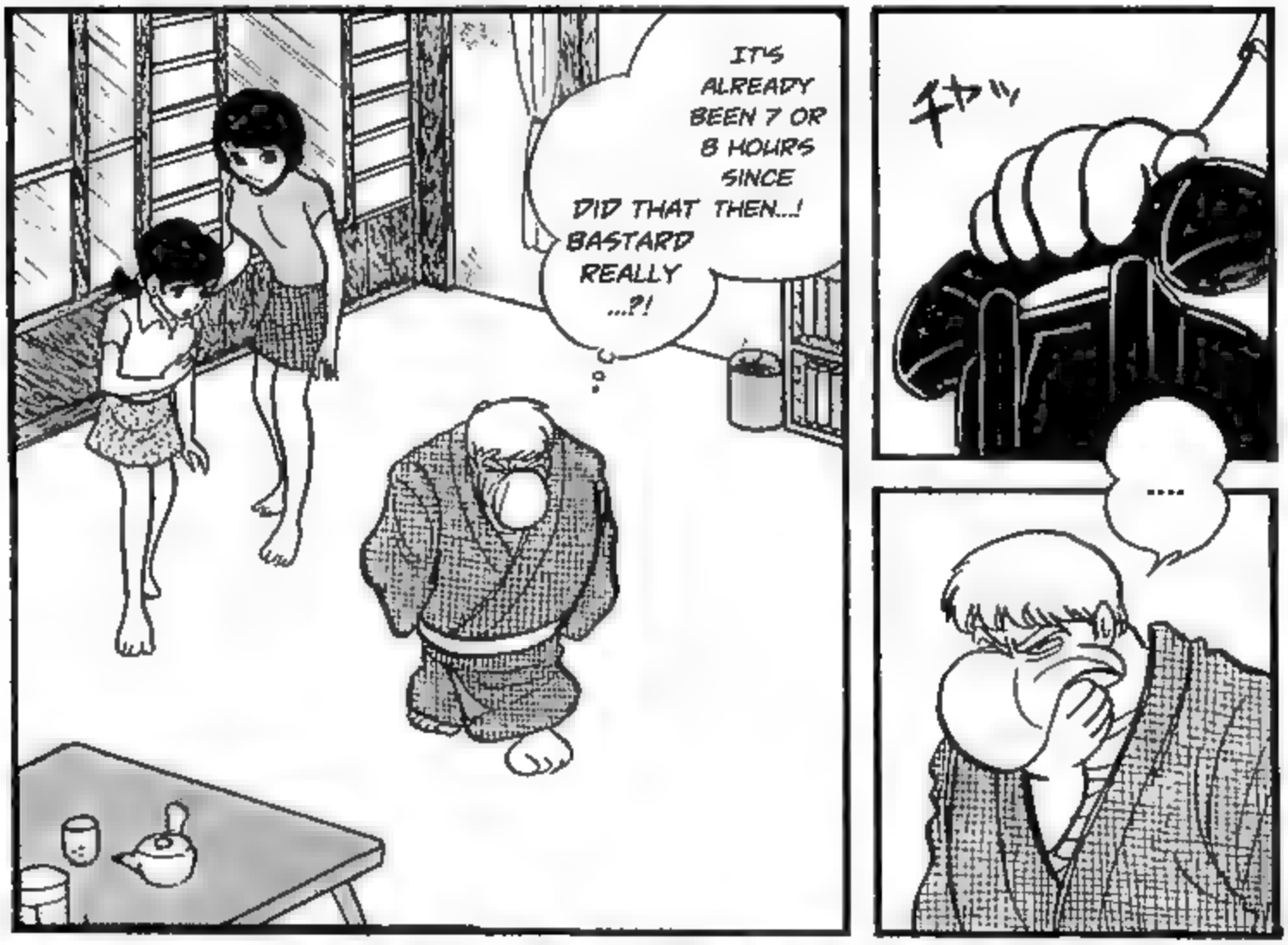
OH, AND ONE MORE THING!

TELL YOUR TEAM TO INVESTIGATE EVERY LAST JAPANESE ROBOTICS EXPERT OF BOTH THE PRESENT AND PAST!

WHAT... HE LEFT RIGHT AFTER GIVING YOU MY MESSAGE? ..NO, HE HASN'T!

...SPEAKING OF ROBOTS, WHAT'S K DOING?!

...YEAH, I FEEL LIKE WE'LL GET AN OUTLINE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE R.R.A. AND K'S MOTHER IF WE DO!


IT'S ALREADY BEEN 7 OR 8 HOURS SINCE DID THAT THEN...! BASTARD REALLY ...?!
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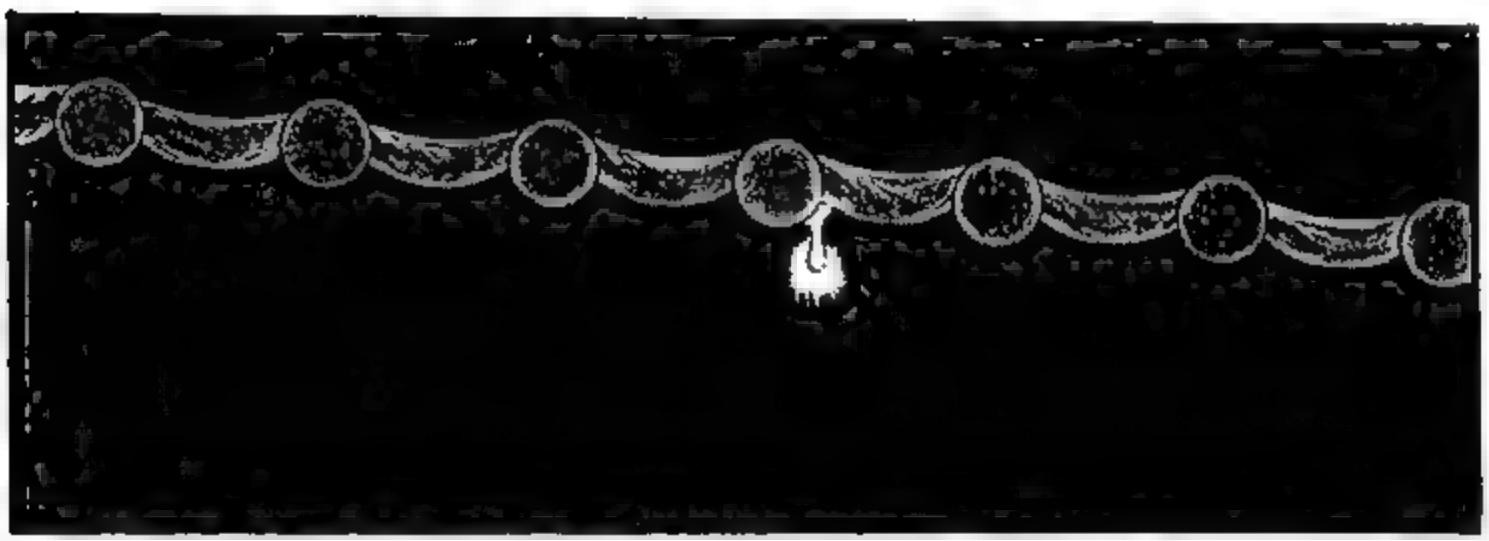
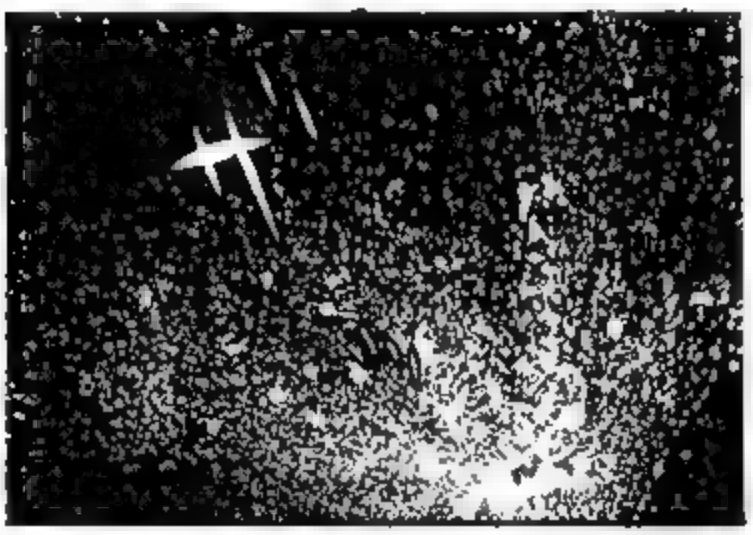
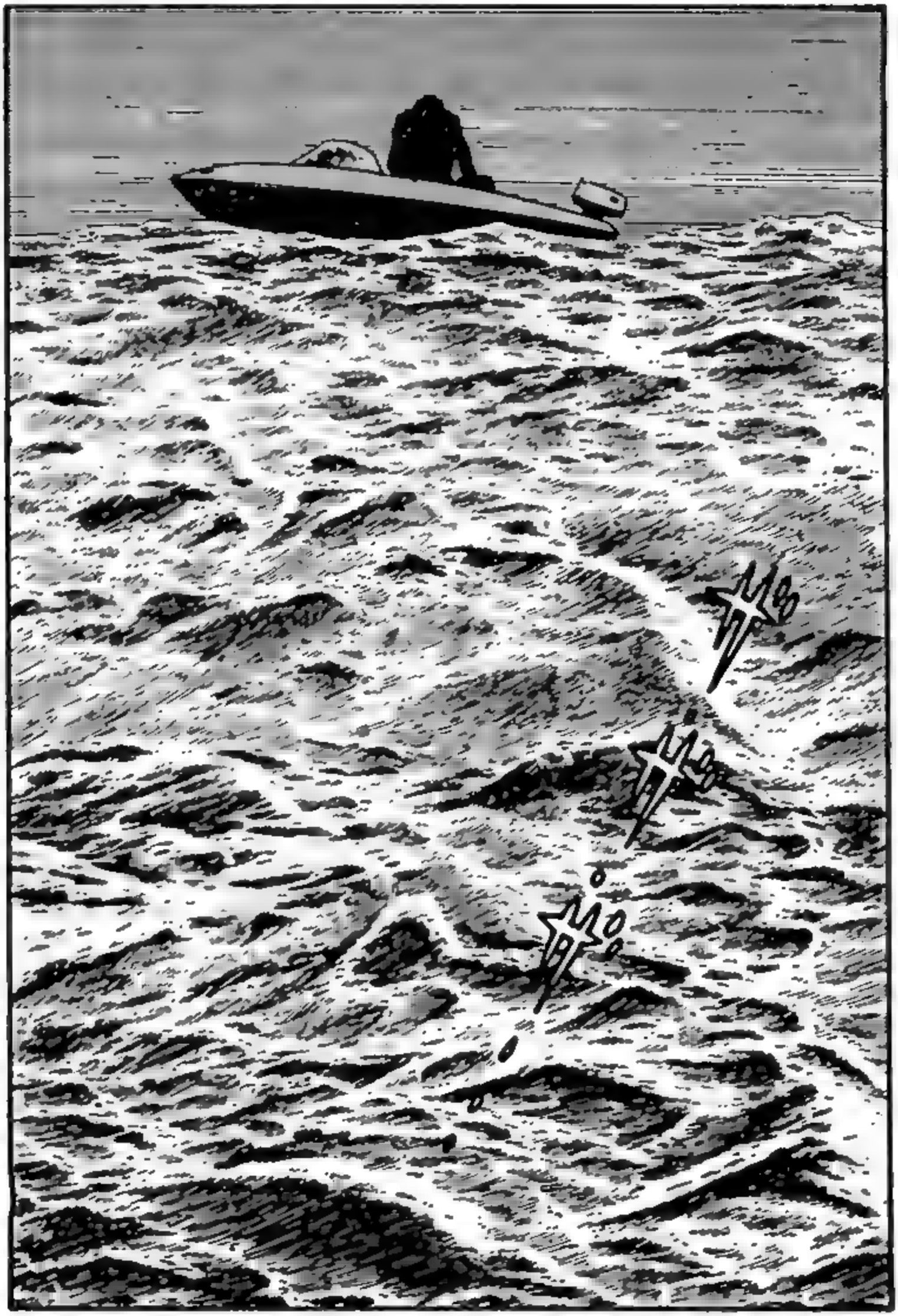
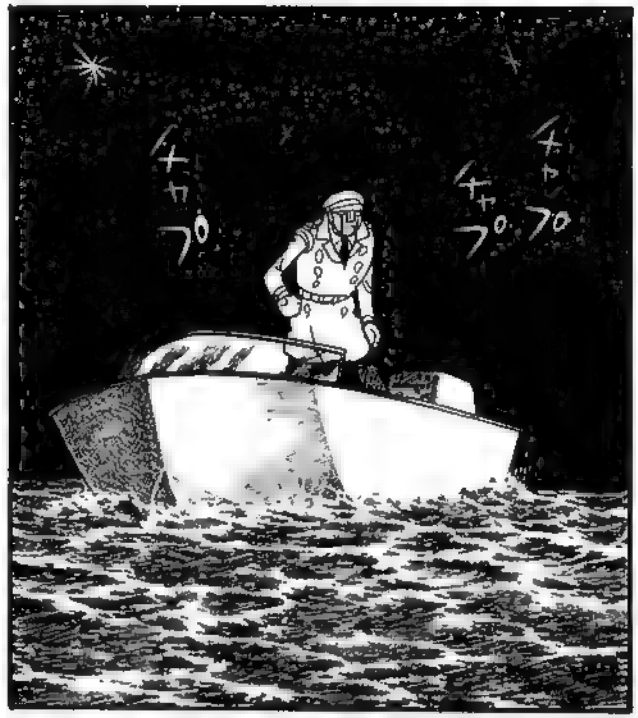
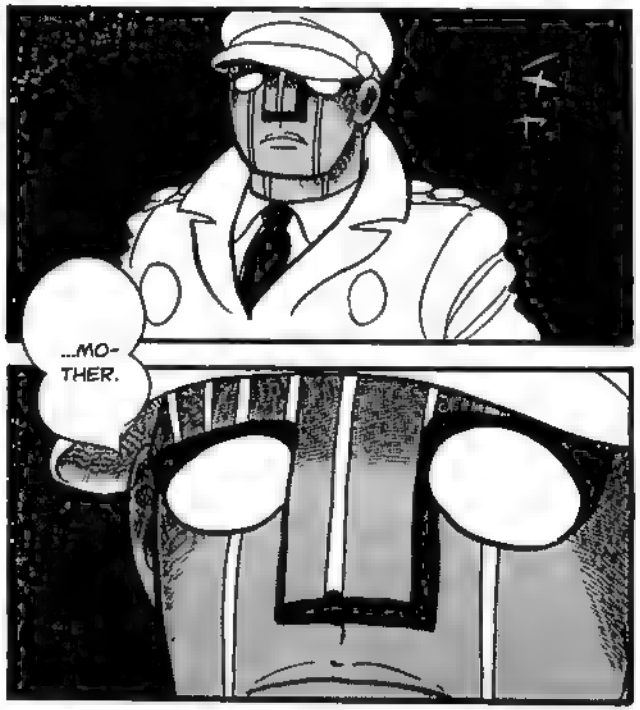






I WILL GO ON MY OWN... AND SPLENDIDLY FIGHT WITH THE R.R.A....!
...PLEASE WATCH ME, MOTHER!




...MO-THER.

...BELOW HERE... I IMAGINE THERE ARE MANY MORE OF THEIR ROBOTS...!

...IT'S POS-SIBLE...

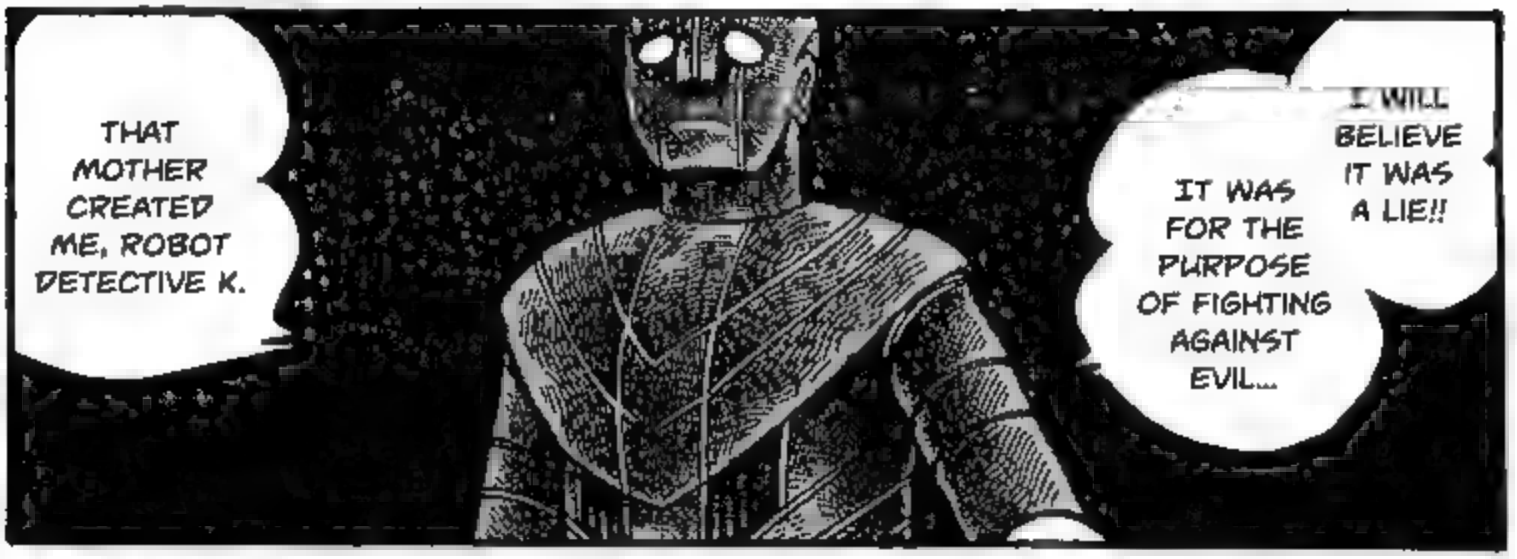
I AM FINE WITH EVEN THAT!

THAT I MAY WIND UP FLOATING IN THIS OCEAN FOR ALL ETERNITY, BUT...

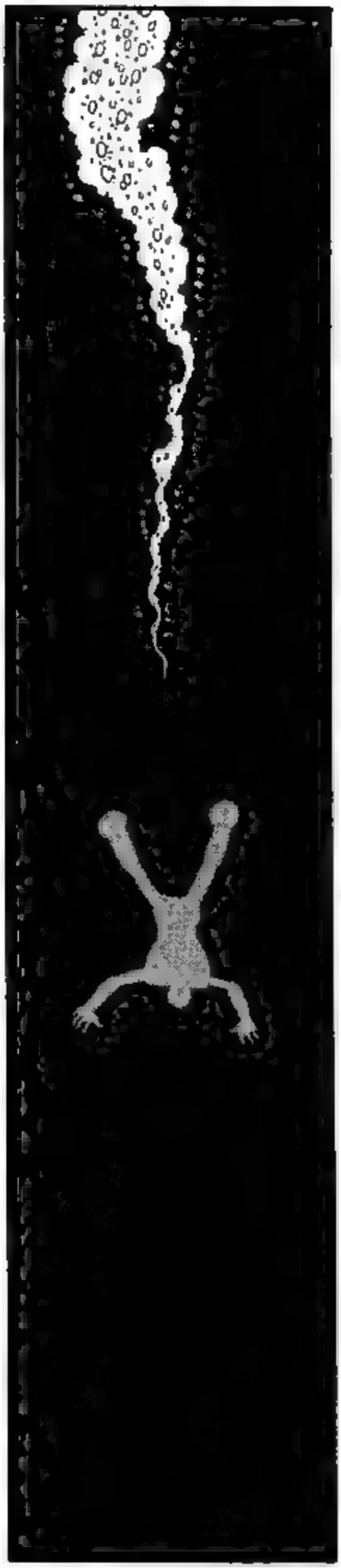
BECAUSE IT IS FIGHTING AND DYING FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY!

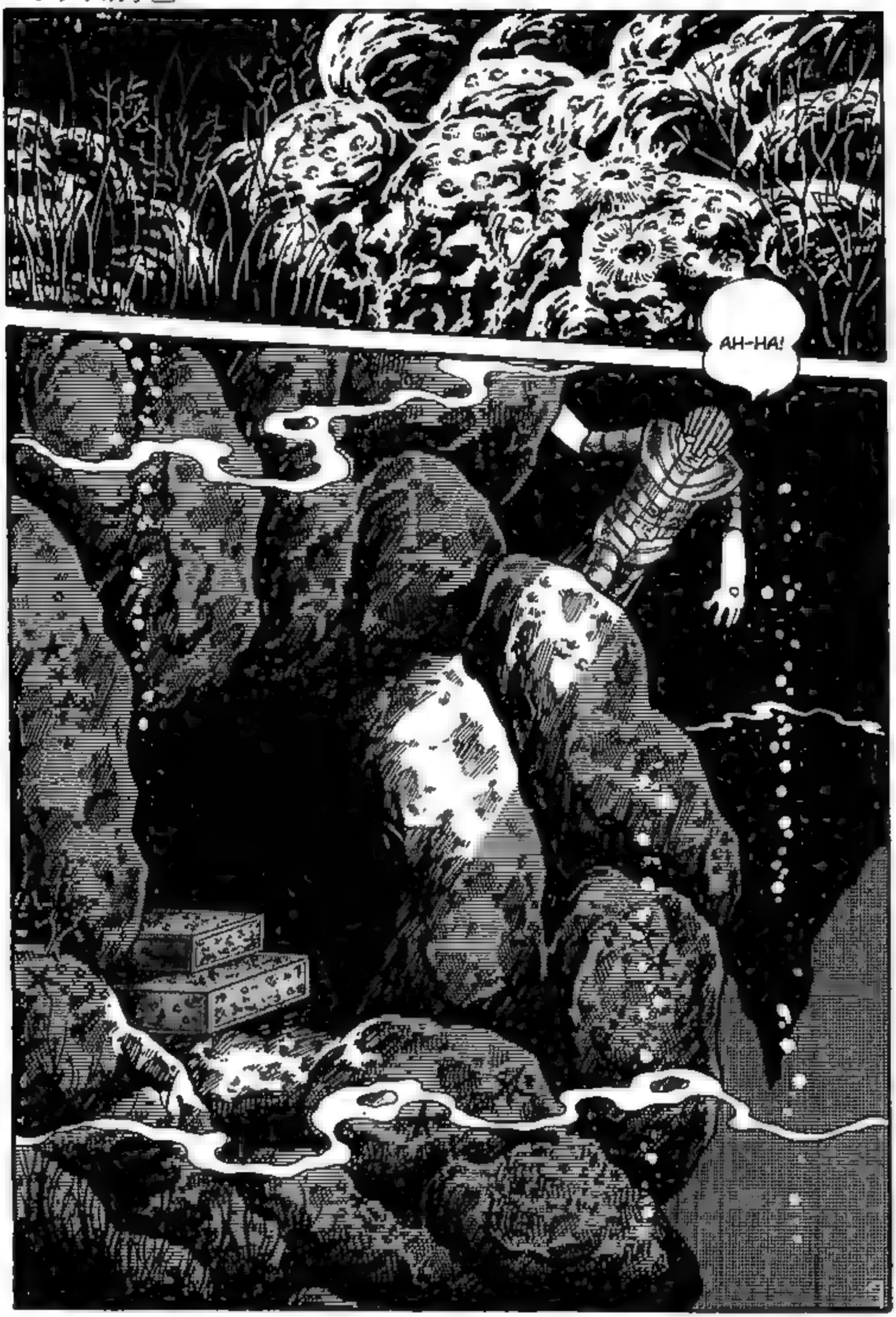
BUT THAT WAS A LIE!

MOTHER SAID HERSELF THAT SHE NEVER SHOULD HAVE CREATED ME...


THAT MOTHER CREATED ME, ROBOT DETECTIVE K.
IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING AGAINST EVIL...
I WILL BELIEVE IT WAS A LIE!!

THAT IS RIGHT, ISN'T IT, MOTHER !!
MOTHEEEEER!!

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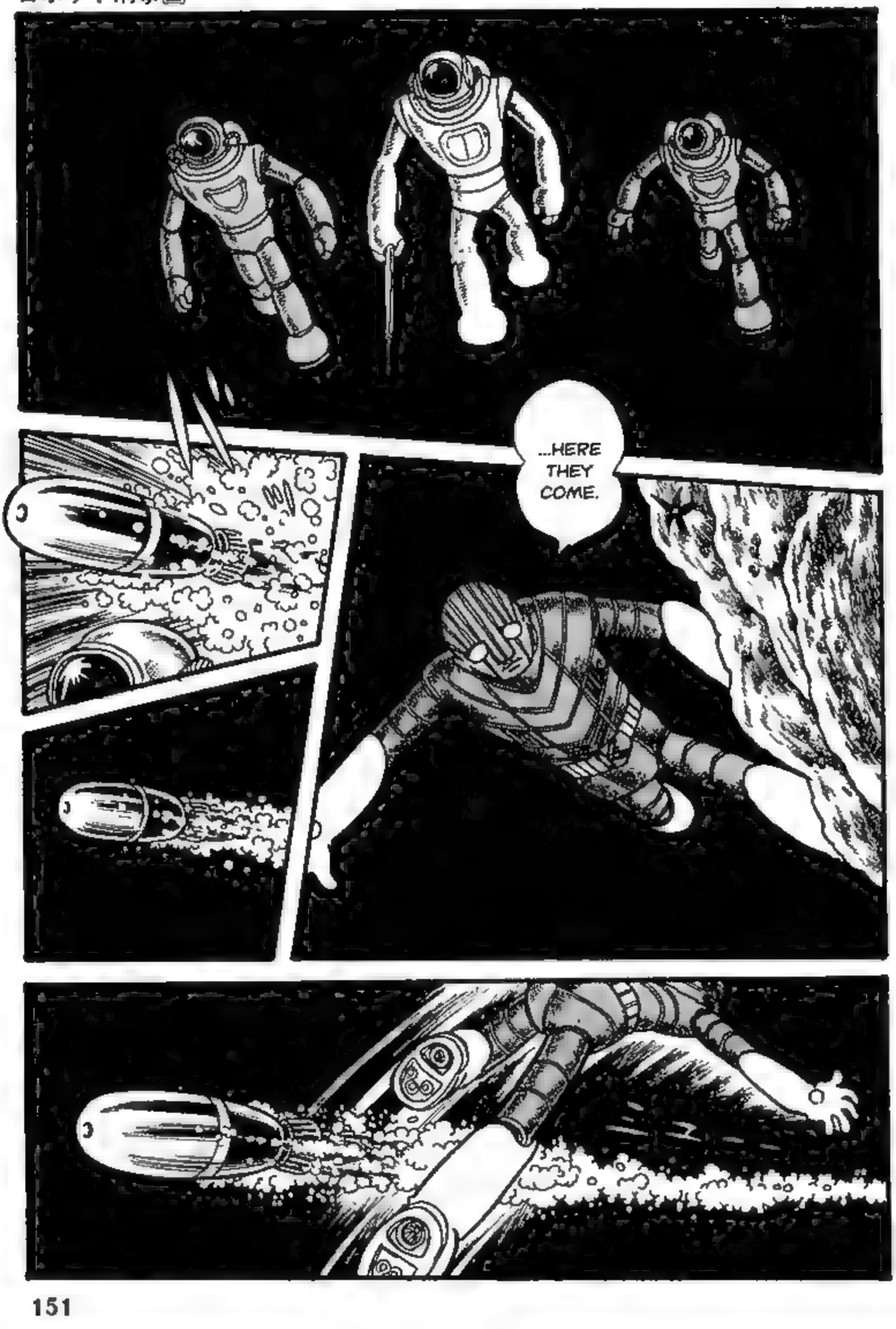
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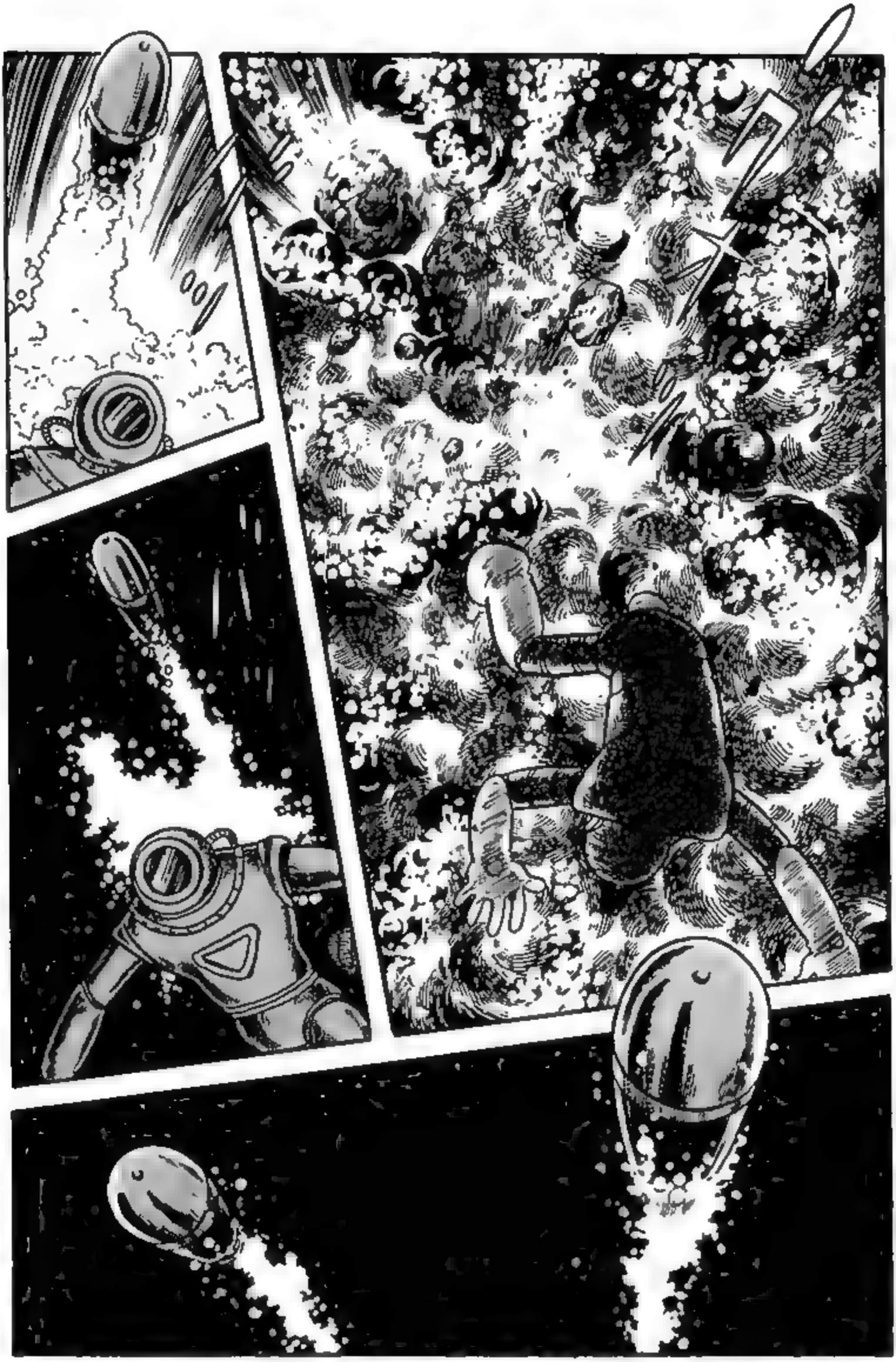

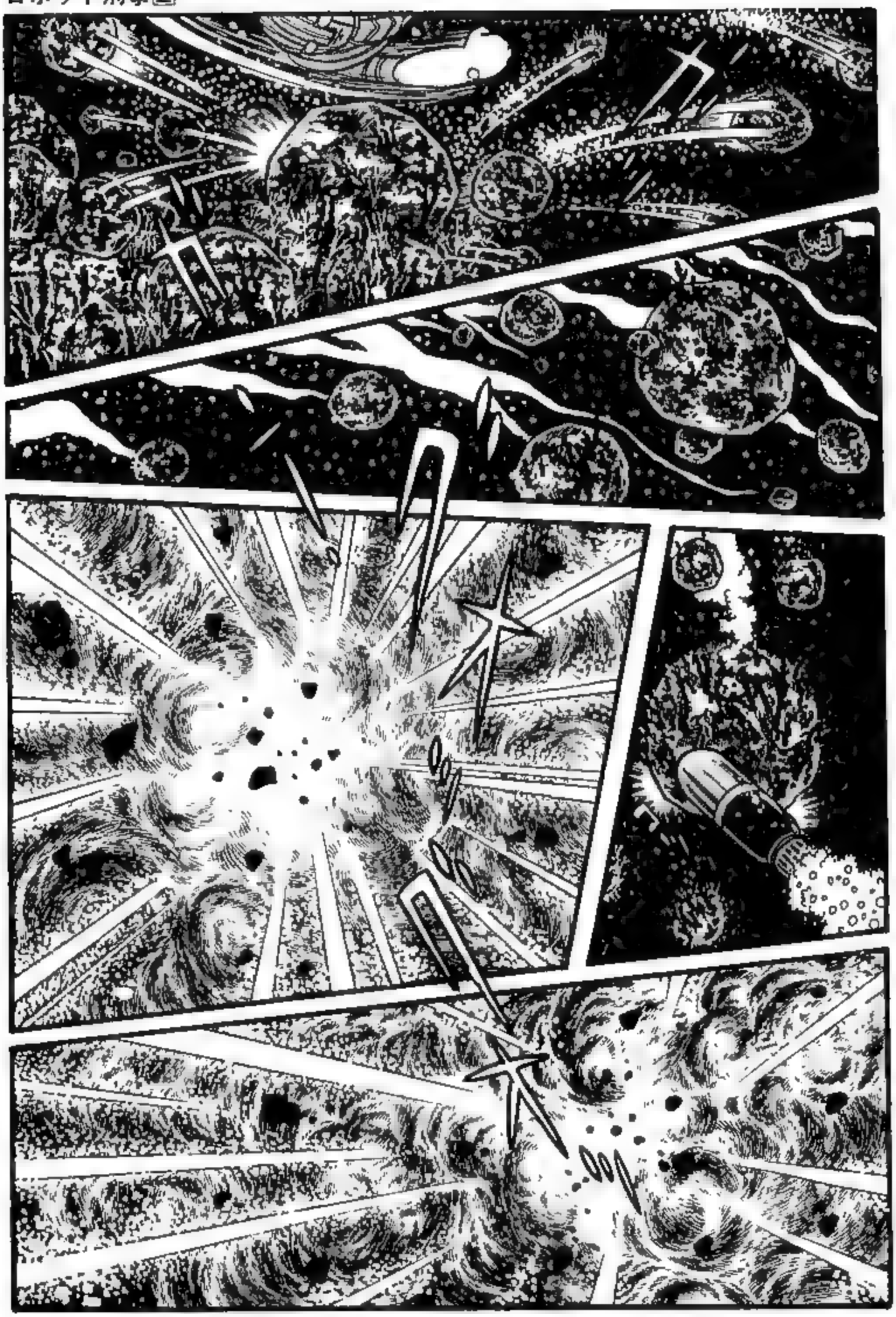

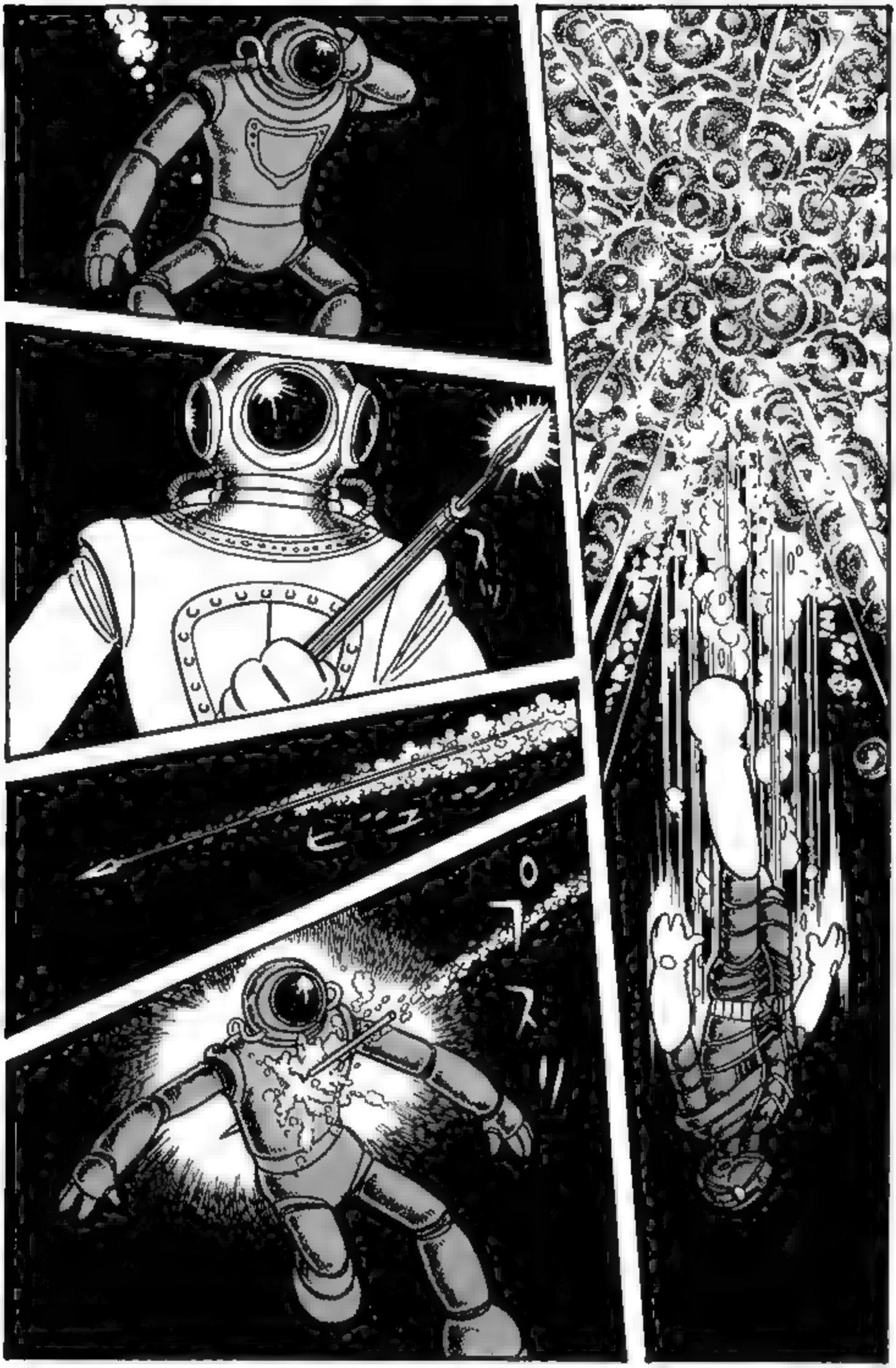

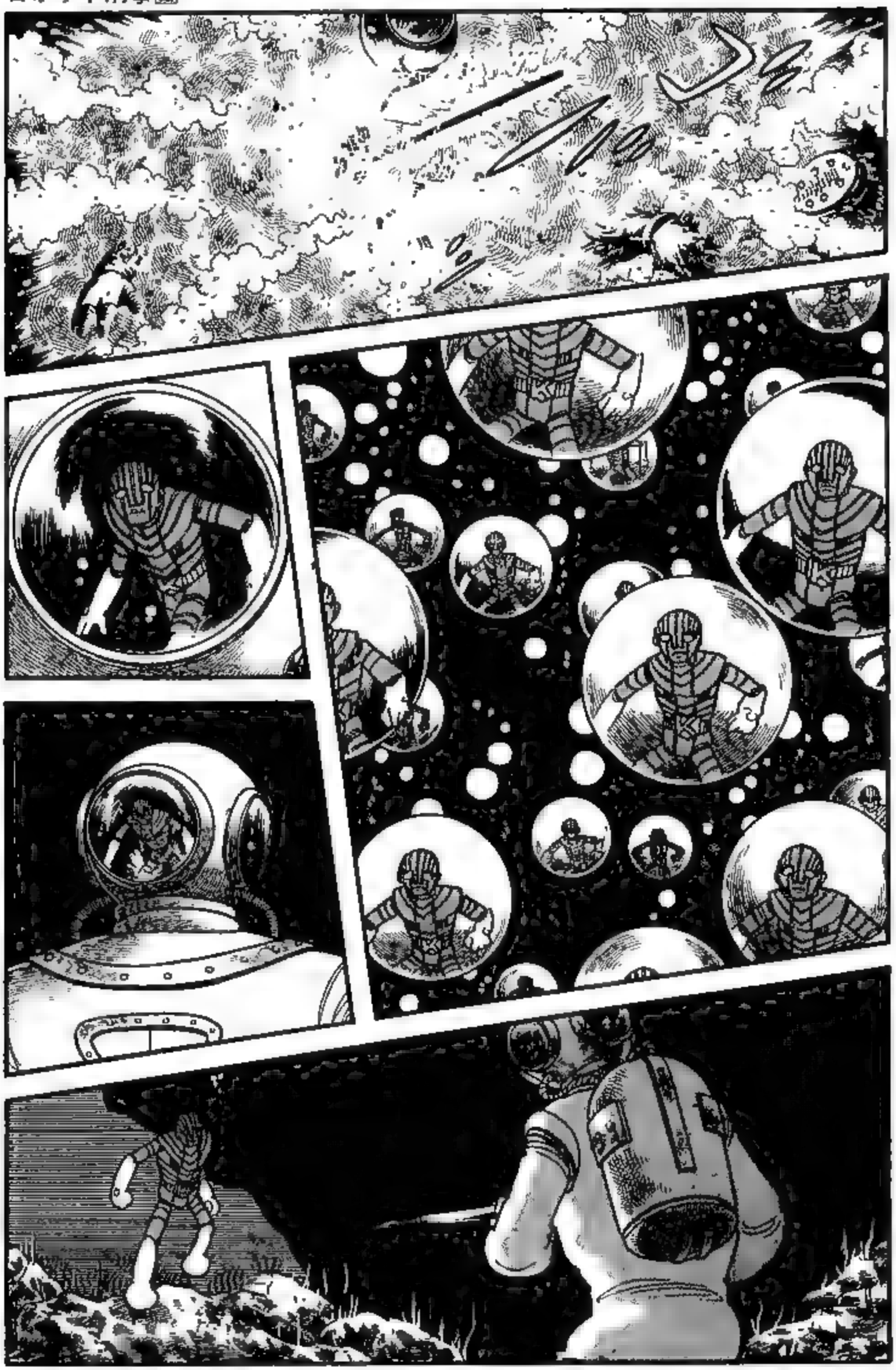

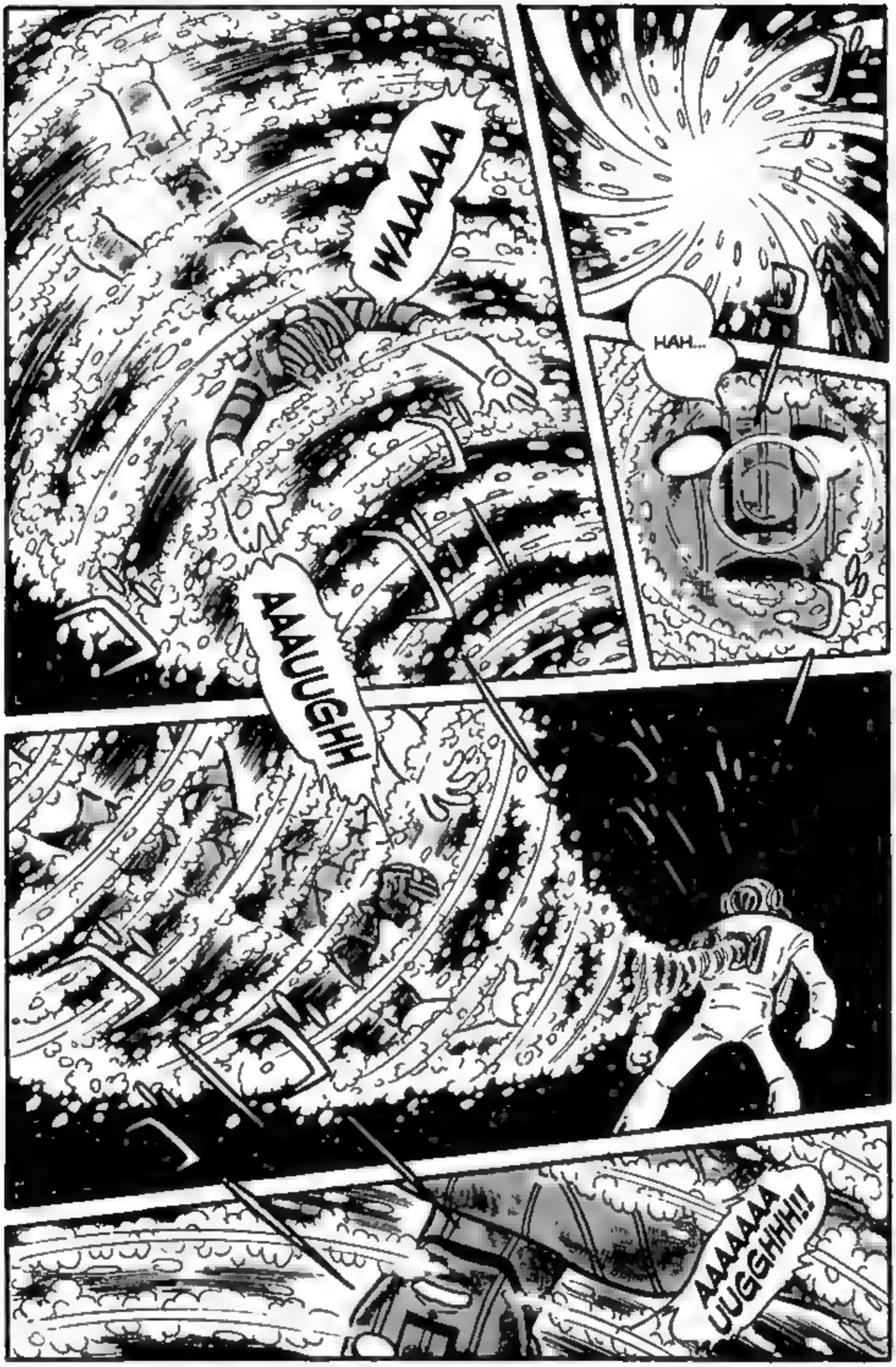
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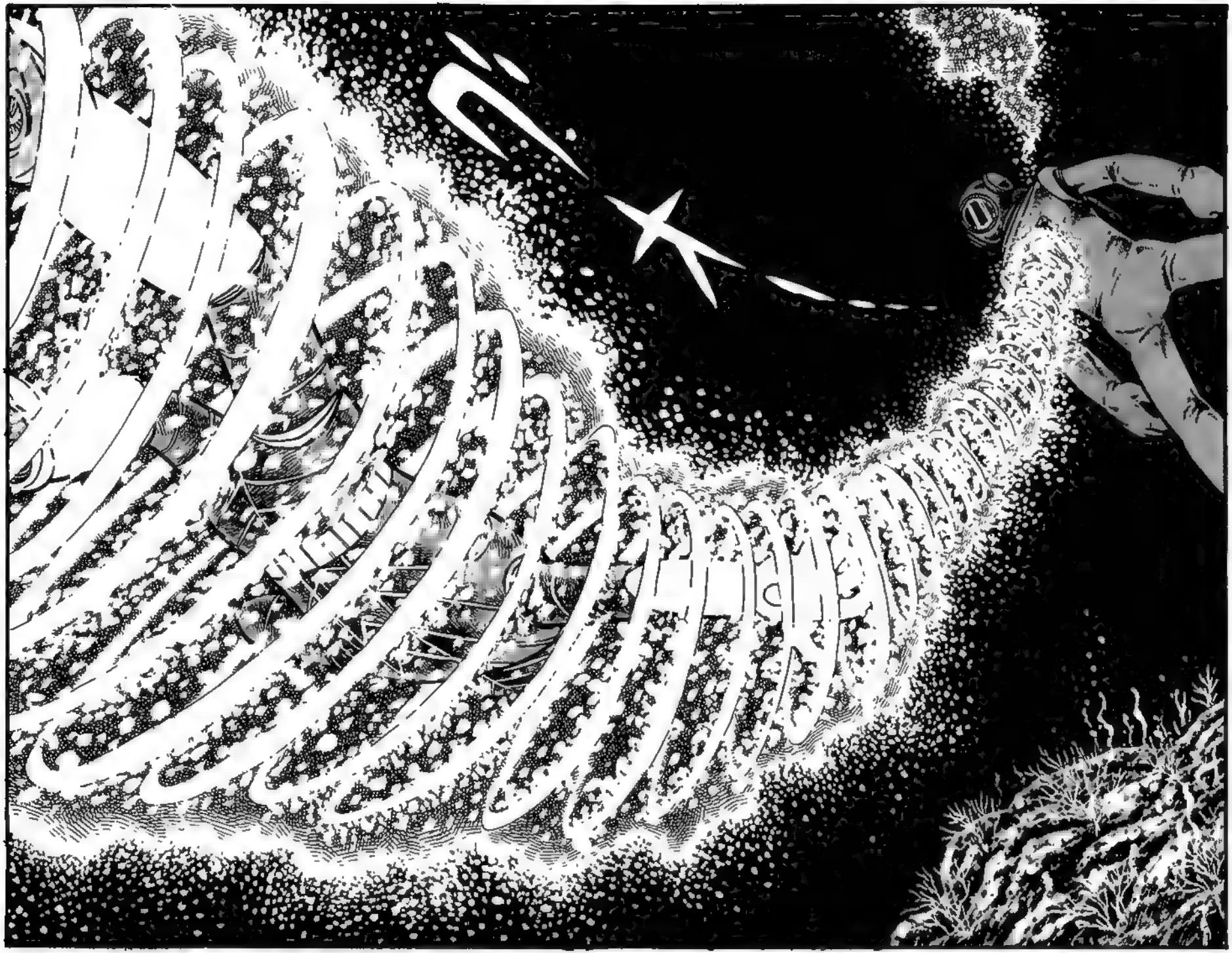

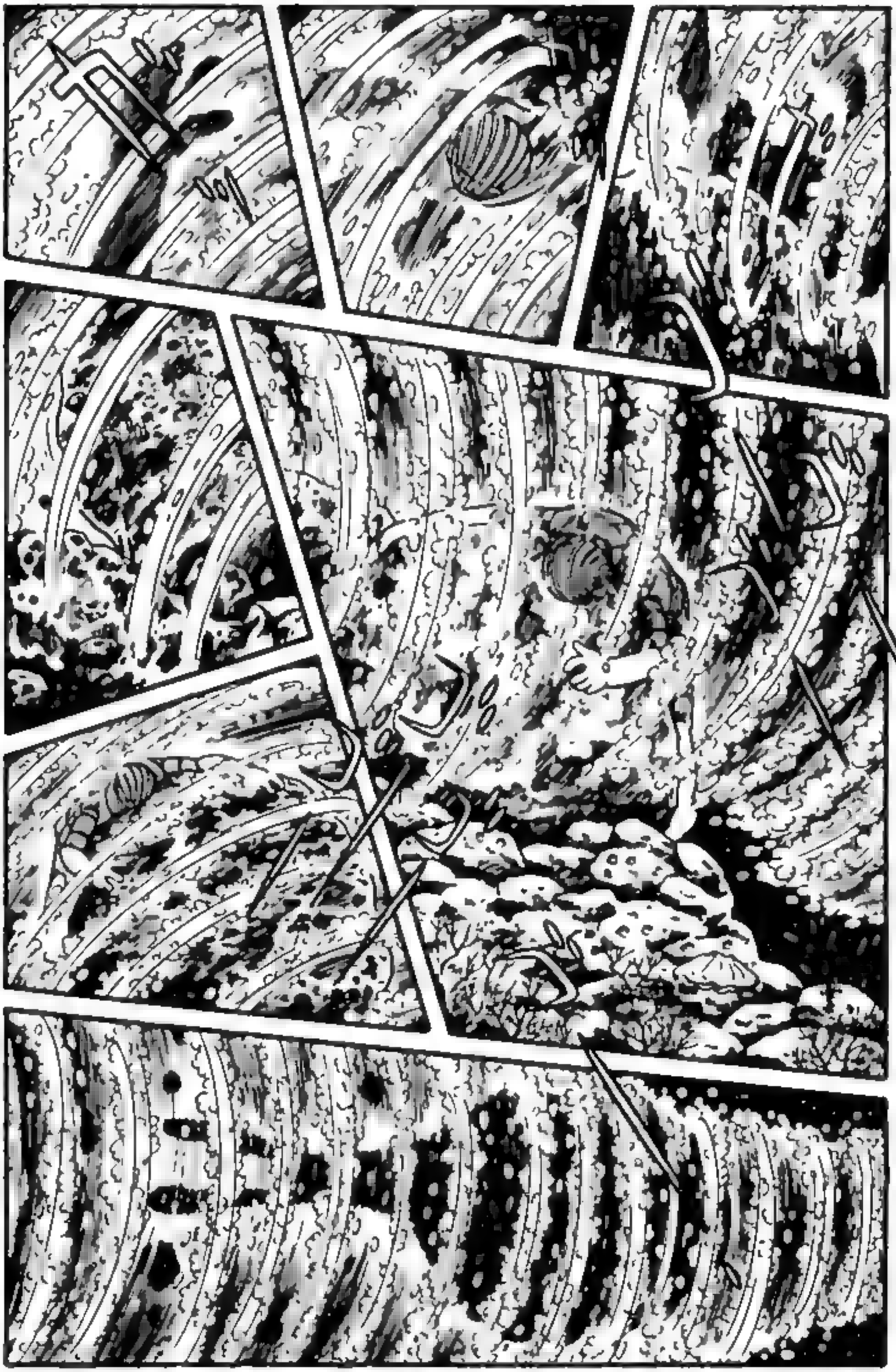

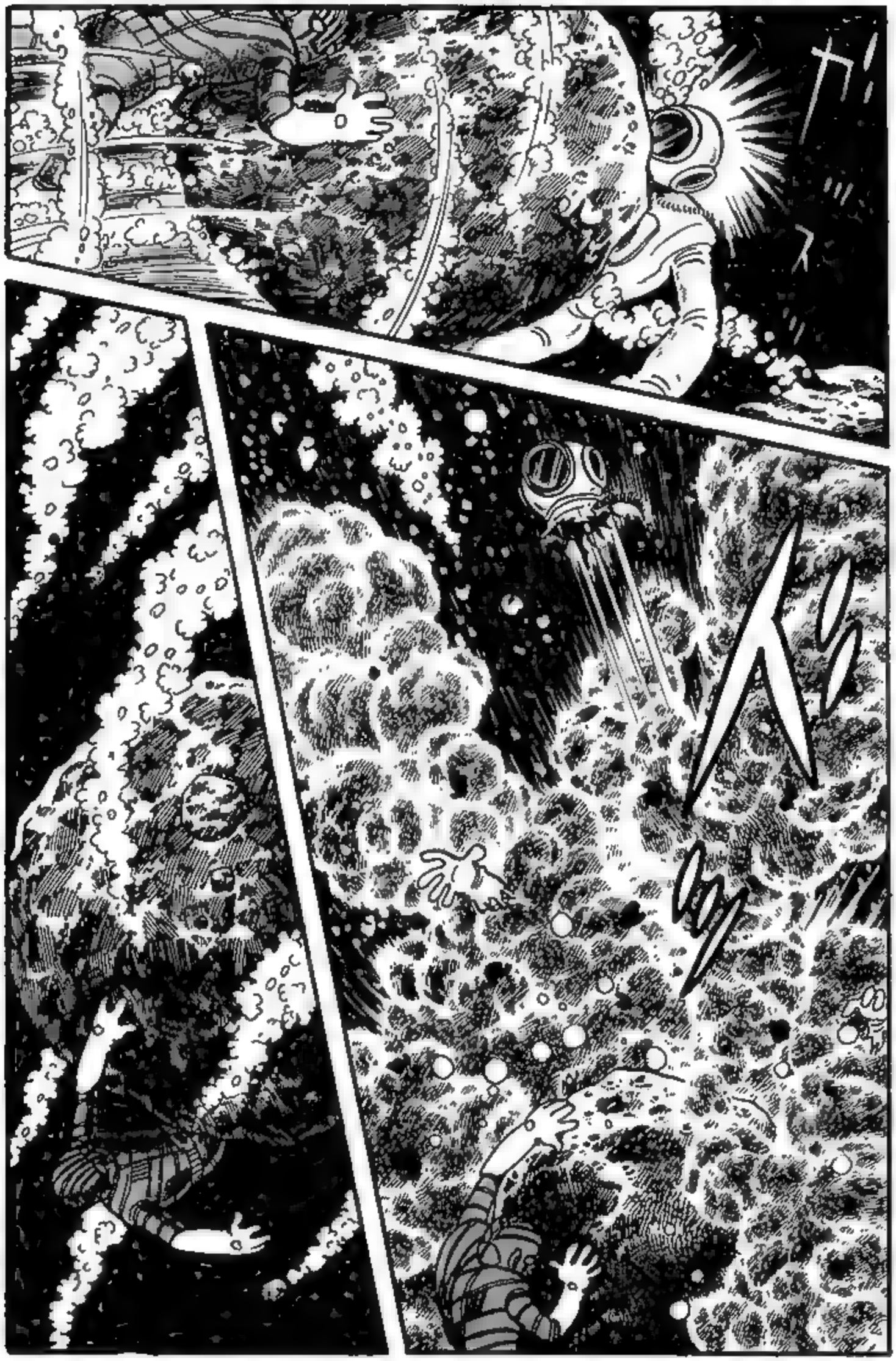
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OW OW OW ...
YOU SEE, FATHER?
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU...
YOU STILL CAN'T DO MORNING AEROBICS.
N... NO, MY BACK'S WHAT HURTS!
BESIDES... IT'S ONLY JUST A LITTLE BIT!
AND THE WOUND IN MY SHOULDER ISN'T HURTING ONE BIT!
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YOU'RE NOT THAT YOUNG ANYMORE, Y'KNOW!

I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T OVERDO IT...

I'M GONNA GO BACK TO WORK, STARTING TOMOR-ROW!!

THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S THE KINDA ATTITUDE I'M GONNA HAVE TO PUT UP WITH UNTIL I FIND A MAN!

EHEH!

I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH FOR YOU TO BE SAYING THAT!!

!!DOOOOM!!!

[SFX] WAHAHAHA! HOHOHOHO! HAHAHAHA!

NAMI, HASN'T SHINJO PROPOSED TO YOU YET?

...BUT SPEAKING OF FINDING A MAN...

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WHAT'S THAT, ALL OF A SUDDEN —

OH MY, FATHER!

WHYYY YOUUUU

AHH! THAT'S NOT FUNNY! I'M A FULL-GROWN ADULT NOW!!

I STILL HAVE TWO TROUBLESOME CHILDREN TO TAKE CARE OF IN THIS HOUSE!

I STILL CAN'T GET MARRIED...

I AM JUST GOING FOR A SHORT WALK.

OH, I, UM...

OH MY.

IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT SOON IT'LL BE TOO LATE!

HEY, I CAN DO IT!

I CAN AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF YOU, DAD!

WELL... NAMI CERTAINLY HAS TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF A MOTHER IN THIS HOUSE, HASN'T SHE.

HEY, I JUST PASSED K BACK THERE, BUT...

AH!

OH!

...BUT ANYWAY, I GUESS I PICKED THE PERFECT TIMING. I DIDN'T WANT THAT FREAK'S MONSTER EARS ANYWHERE CLOSE!

WHAT A JOKE, COMING FROM A ROBOT!

TCH!

...HE SAID HE WAS GOING FOR A WALK.

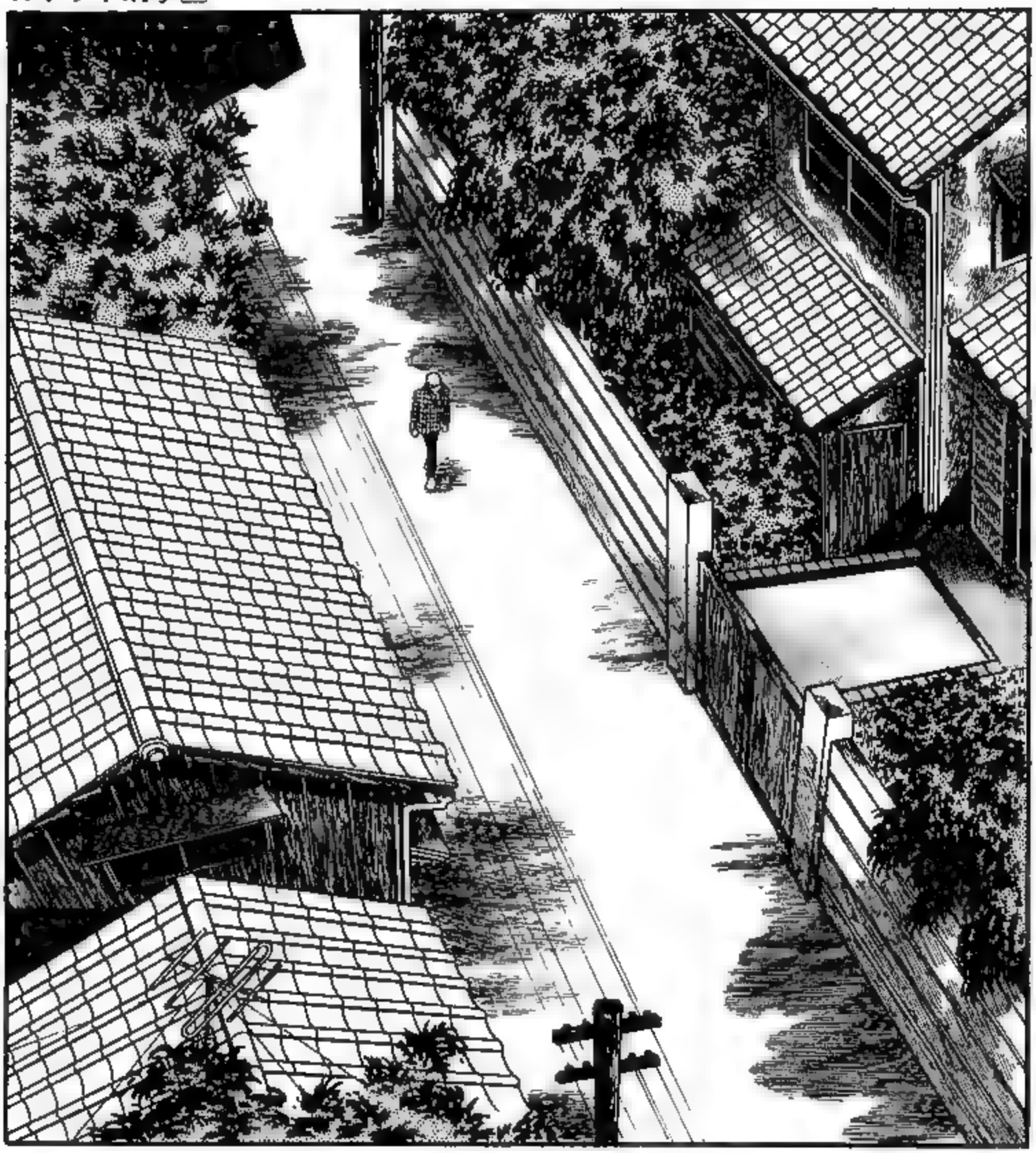
....

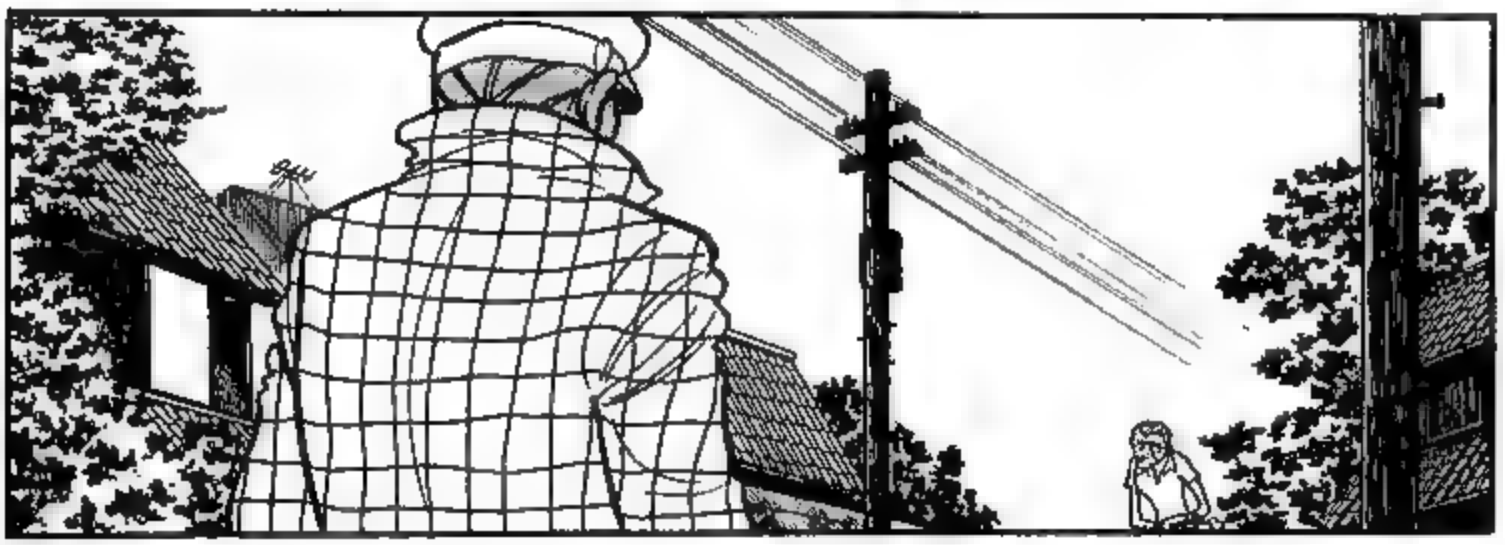
I'VE GOT SOME-THING I WANNA TALK ABOUT!

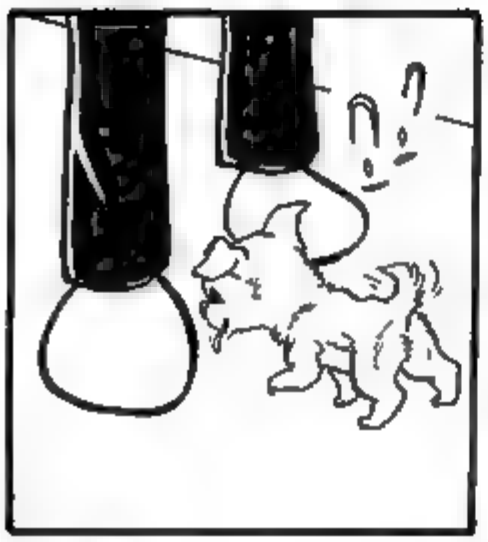
IT HAS TO DO WITH MOTHER'S TRUE IDENTITY!

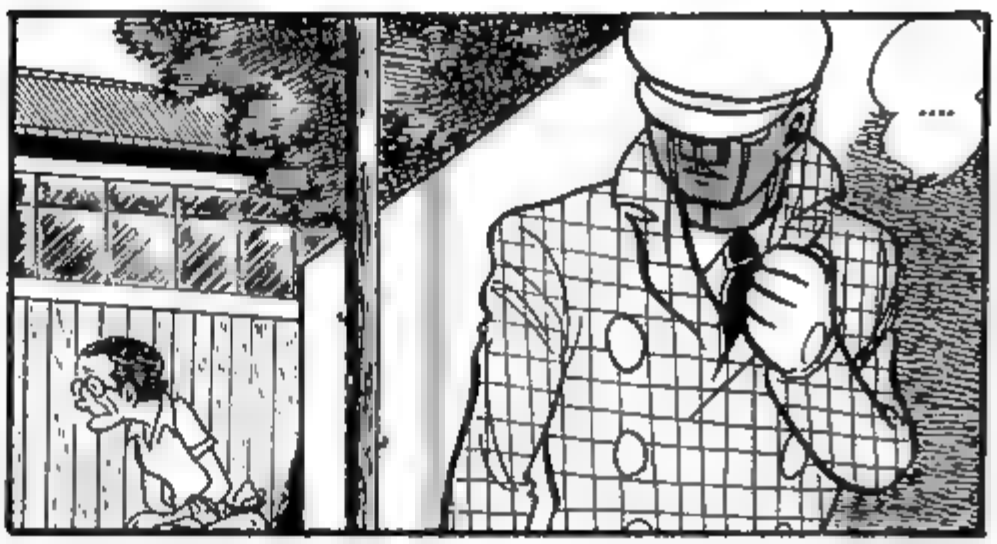
MR. SHIBA!

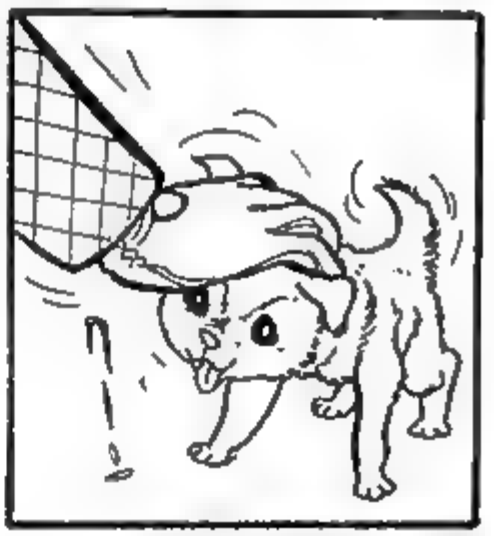
I'VE GOT SOMETHING I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT HIM TO EAVESDROP ON!

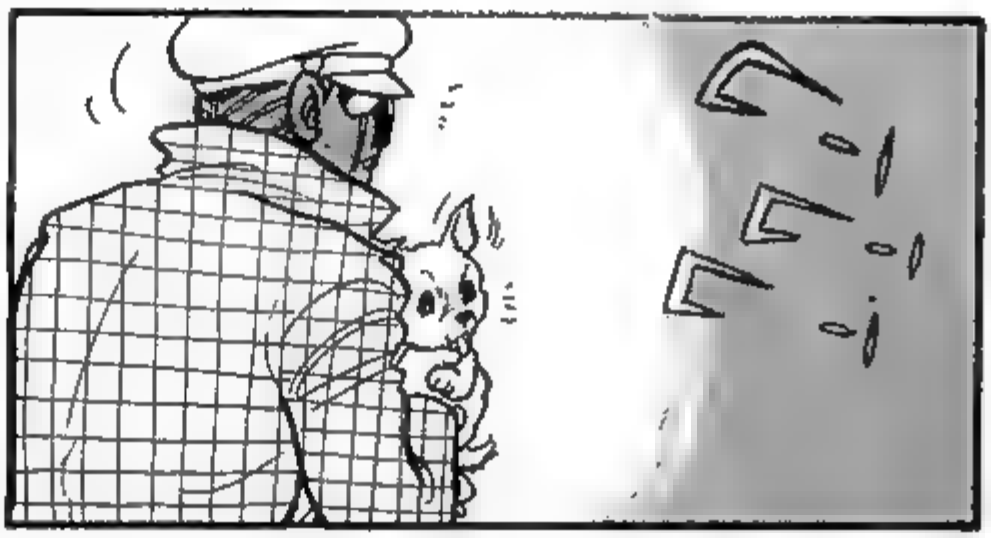


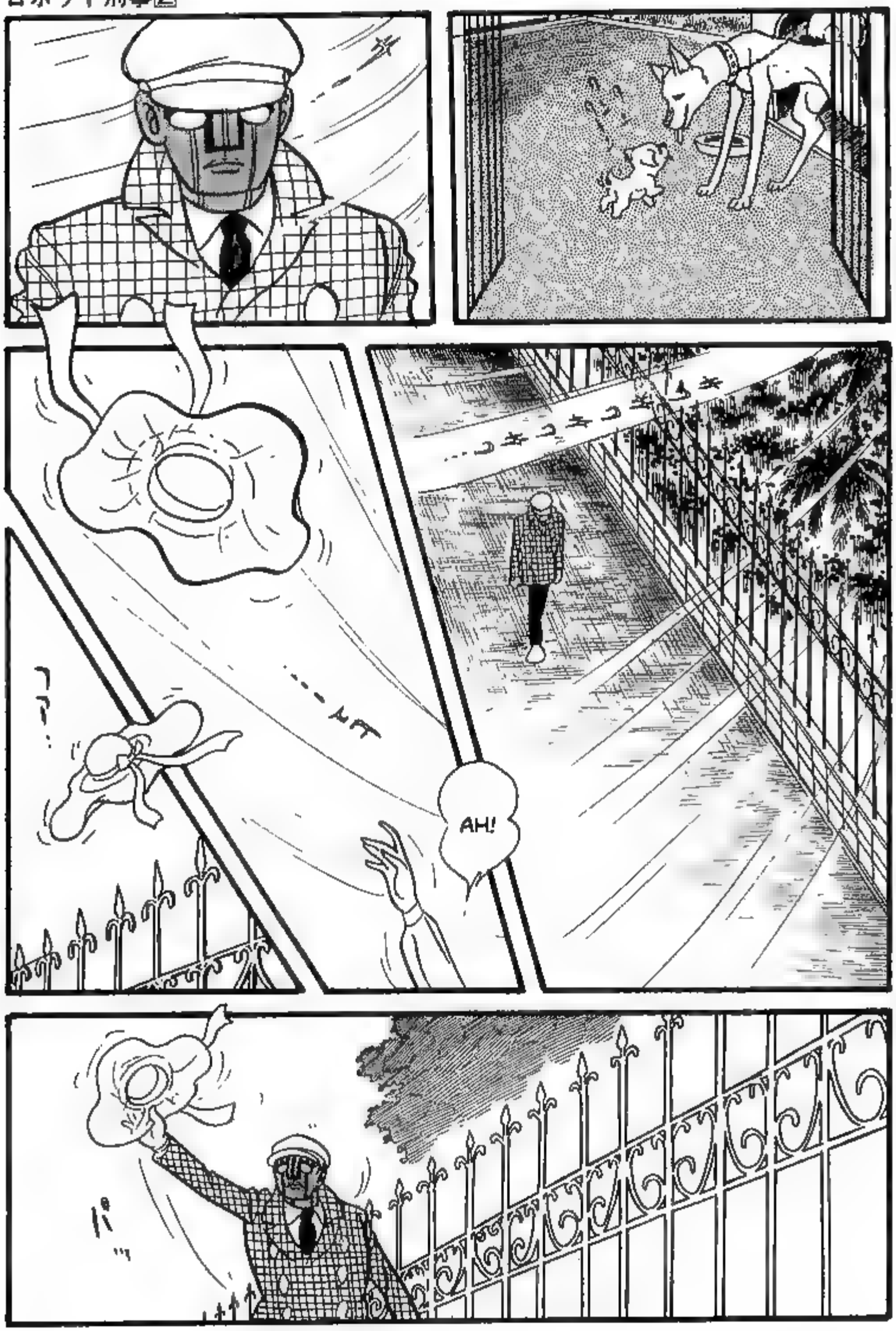











AH!

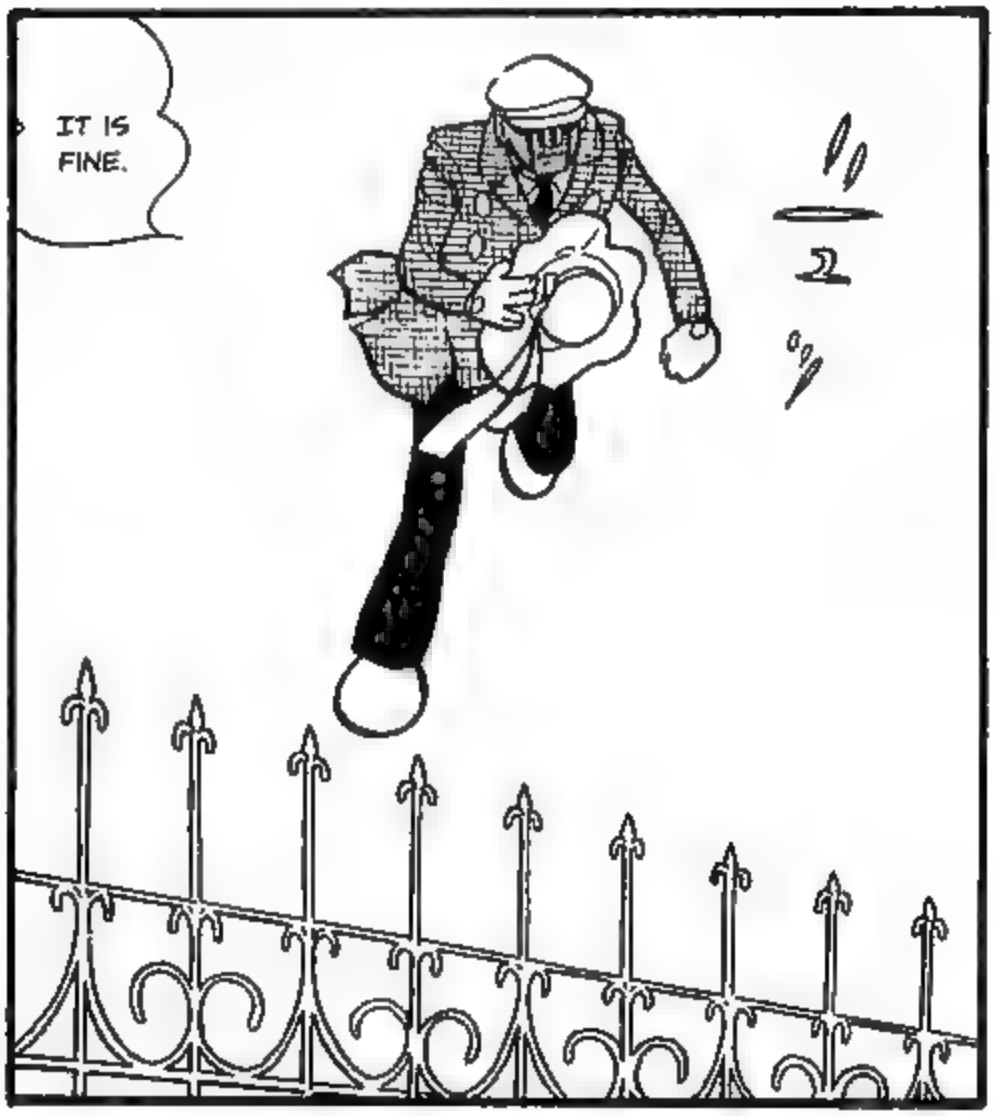
...I CAUGHT YOUR HAT.

AH... EXCUSE ME... I'M COMING OVER THERE.

I COULD BRING IT OVER TO YOU, BUT...

UM... IF IT WOULDN'T BOTHER YOU...

HUH? BUT... WOULDN'T THAT BE A LOT OF EFFORT TO...


IT IS FINE.
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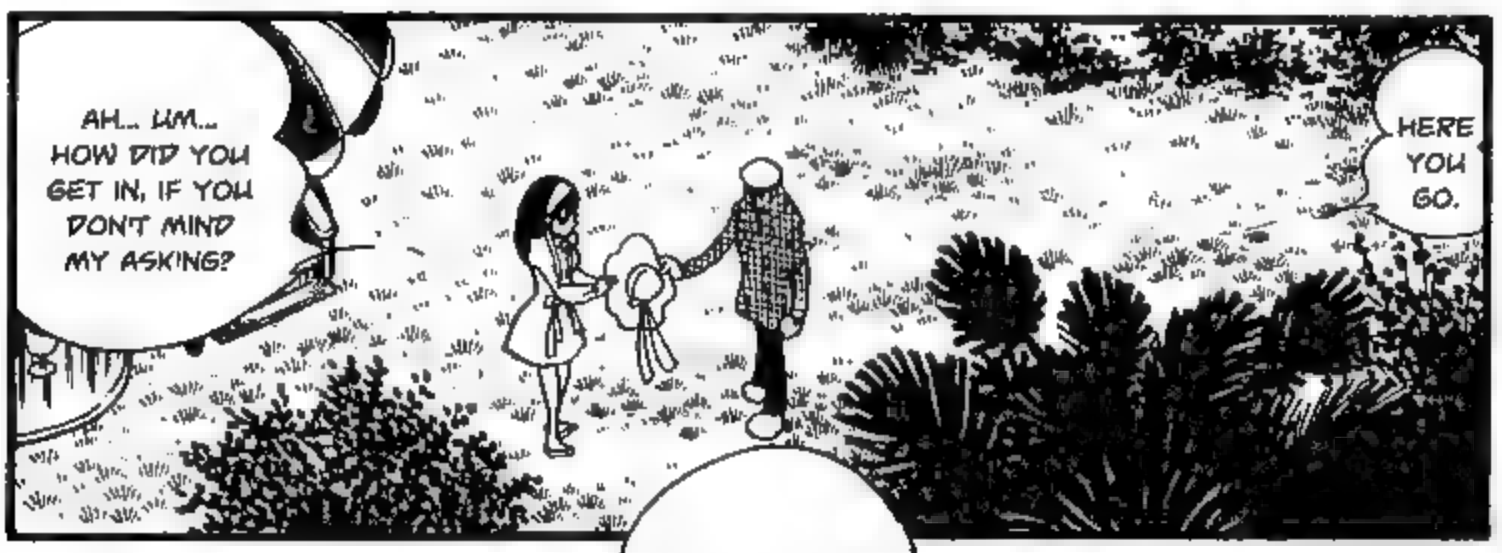
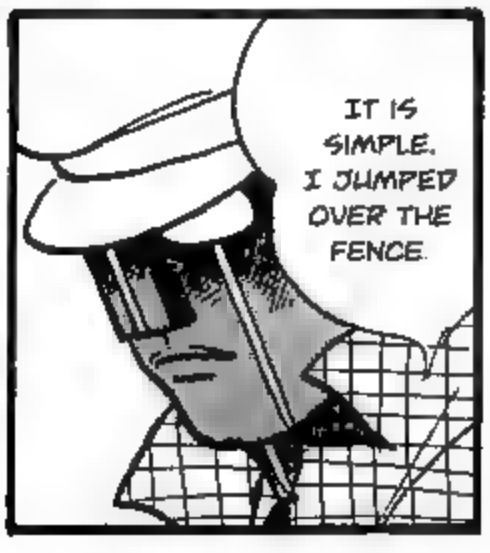

AH... UM... HOW DID YOU GET IN, IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING?
HERE YOU GO.

OH MY! JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!


IT IS SIMPLE. I JUMPED OVER THE FENCE.

...WOULD YOU STAY HERE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...?

IF YOU... WOULDN'T MIND IT...

AH... UM... IF...

WELL... WELL THEN, I WILL BE ON MY WAY...

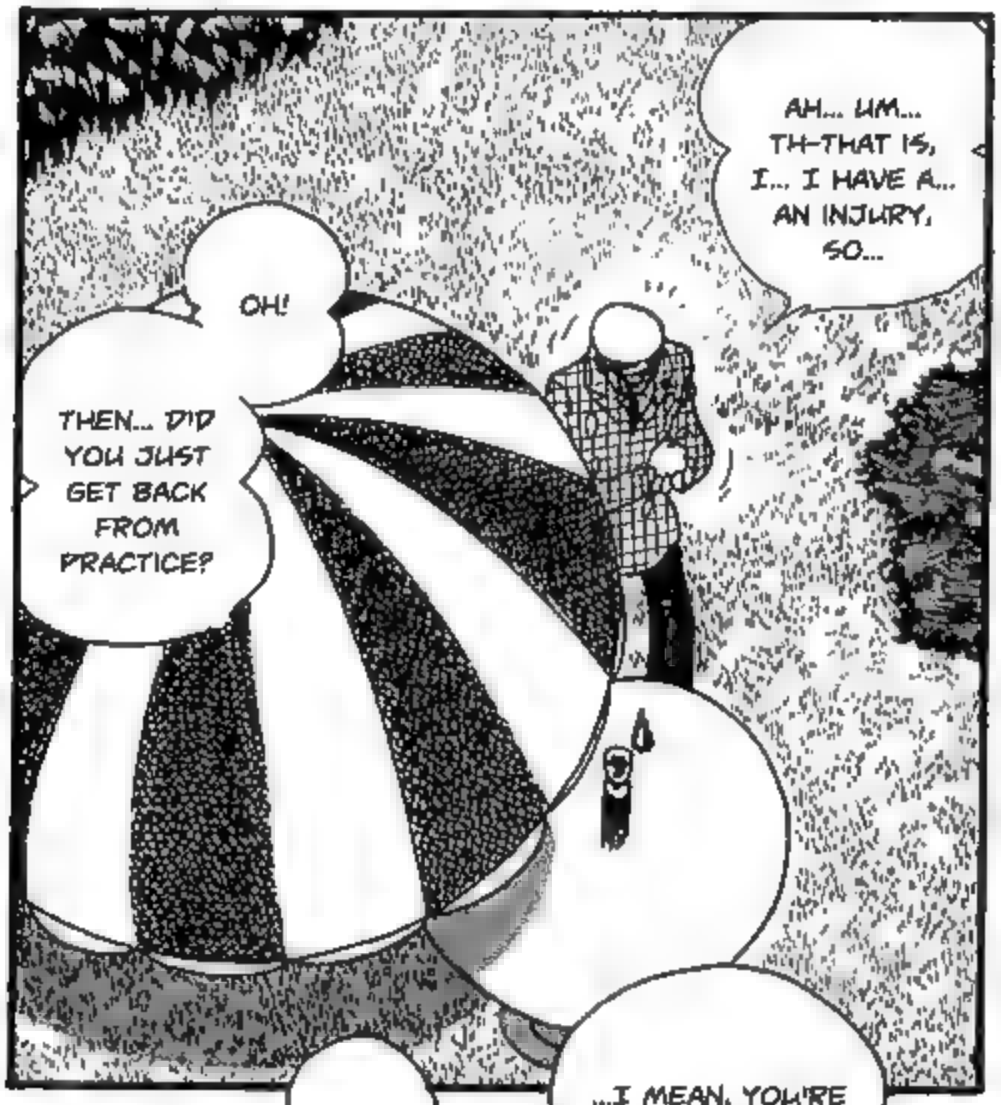
WELL... I-I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO DO...

IF YOU WANT TO, WE COULD CHAT A LITTLE BIT...

HUH?

GOOD! THEN I'LL HAVE SOME DRINKS BROUGHT OUT TO US, RIGHT AWAY!

BUT...
I... I DON'T NEED ANYTHING.
P- PLEASE... DON'T DO THAT..


AH... UM... TH-THAT IS, I... I HAVE A... AN INJURY, SO...
OH!
THEN... DID YOU JUST GET BACK FROM PRACTICE?

...WHY ARE YOU WEARING GLOVES...?

A... AH, YES...
I AM...

...I MEAN, YOU'RE SOME KIND OF SPORTS PLAYER, AREN'T YOU?
PRAC- TICE?

AFRAID... TO BE ALONE WITH ME...?
AH... UM... ARE YOU...
WELL... AREN'T YOU...

MY EYES CAN'T SEE... SO JUST BY HEARING SOMEONE'S VOICE...
OH, MY! WHY WOULD I? ...WELL... OH HO HO...

I CAN TELL IF THEY ARE A GOOD PERSON OR NOT!

...MY NAME IS KAORI. YUUKI KAORI.

ALL THE PEOPLE I TALKED TO WITH RELATIONS TO ROBOTICS TALKED ABOUT THIS GUY, DR. KIRISHIMA'S WIFE.

...K...

I DUNNO IF IT HAS ANY RELATION TO HIS MOTHER OR NOT, BUT...

AND GUESS WHAT, THOSE SCIENTIST SPOUSES TURNED IT DOWN!

THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT TO CREATE ROBOTS TO TAKE HUMAN LIVES!

AND 20 YEARS AGO... RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR, THE JAPANESE ARMY ASKED DR. KIRISHIMA AND HIS WIFE TO CREATE NEW WEAPONS FOR THEM.

APPARENTLY HIS WIFE WAS A GENIUS, ONE OF THE MOST WELL-KNOWN SCIENTISTS IN THE FIELD OF ROBOTICS.

HMM MM...

SO THEN... YOU THINK THAT THIS WIFE IS K'S... MOTHER?!

...AND SO, ALL BUT DEAD, THEY WENT MISSING.

NO KIND OF CRUEL TORTURE WAS BE ABLE TO GET THEM TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS...

A LITTLE GIRL AND A NEWBORN BABY GIRL BOTH DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH THE HUSBAND AND WIFE!

NO... THERE'S STILL MORE TO THE STORY.

T/N: KEI IS A JAPANESE NAME THAT SOUNDS THE SAME AS THE JAPANESE PRONONCIATION OF K

...THEN... UM... WILL YOU COME VISIT ME AGAIN SOME DAY...?

AH... KEI?

...WELL, THEN... I'LL BE GOING...

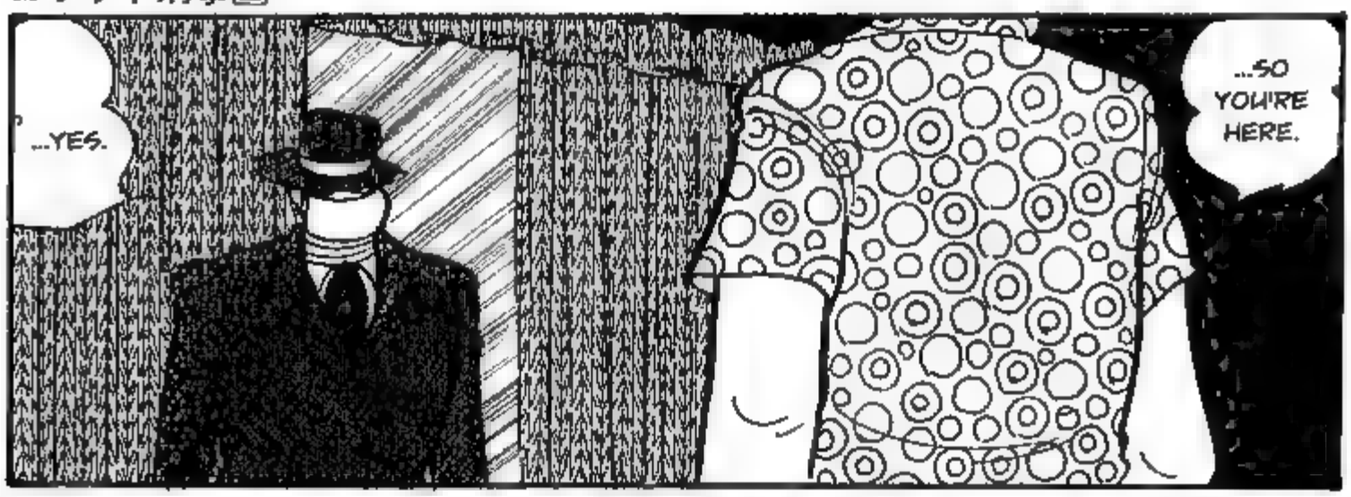
GOOD-BYE.

YES... CER-TAINLY!

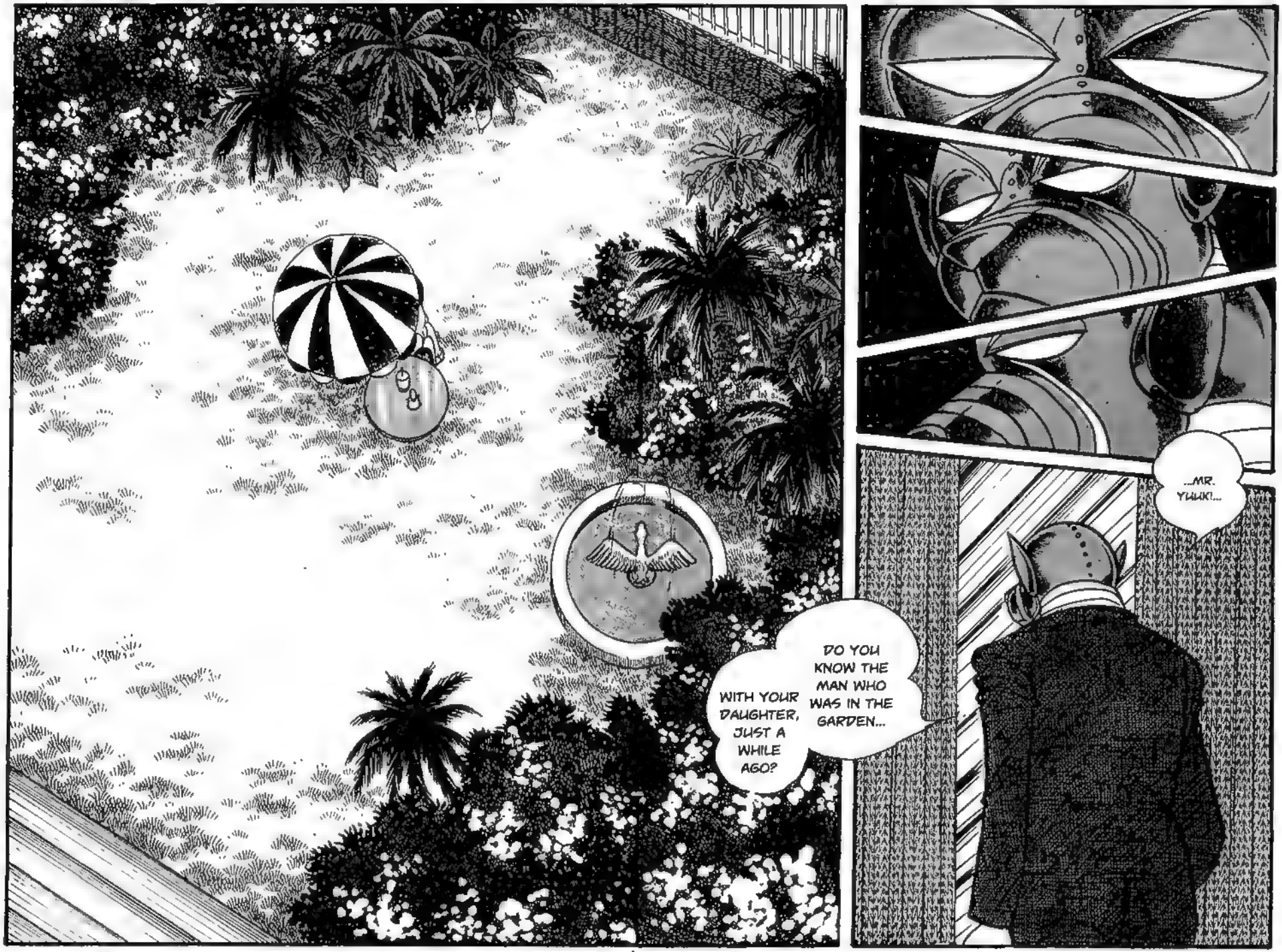
WAS THERE SOMEONE WITH YOU JUST NOW?

KAORI?

MASTER!
THERE IS A GUEST HERE TO SEE YOU!
HMM?
FA-THER...
..YES... IT WAS A FRIEND...
HMM?
BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE COMING... WHY WAS THAT...?
KEI SEEMED LIKE HE WAS IN A HURRY TO LEAVE...


...YES.
...SO YOU'RE HERE.

THE R.R.A.'S JACKEL.


...MR. YUUKI...
DO YOU KNOW THE MAN WHO WAS IN THE GARDEN...
WITH YOUR DAUGHTER, JUST A WHILE AGO?

NO... SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A FRIEND, BUT...
HMM? A MAN...?
HE WAS A DETECTIVE FOR THE TOKYO POLICE DEPARTMENT!
AND NOT ONLY THAT... BUT A ROBOT, JUST LIKE ME!!
WHAT?!
I AM AFRAID I AM NOT.
BEFORE I ENTERED YOUR HOUSE, I SAW HIM, MYSELF!
Y... YOU'RE KIDDING...!

THAT OUR RELATION-SHIP HAS...

...IT COULDN'T BE...

WHY WOULD A DETECTIVE CONFRONT MY DAUGHTER?!

B-BUT WHY?

...A ROBOT DETECTIVE FOR THE TOKYO POLICE DEPART-MENT?!

NO, I DO NOT THINK THAT YOUR RELATION TO MY COM-PANY...

....

WE CANNOT ALLOW HUMANS TO SEE ROBOTS CLEARLY!

HOW-EVER... WE MUST NOT BE NEGLI-GENT.

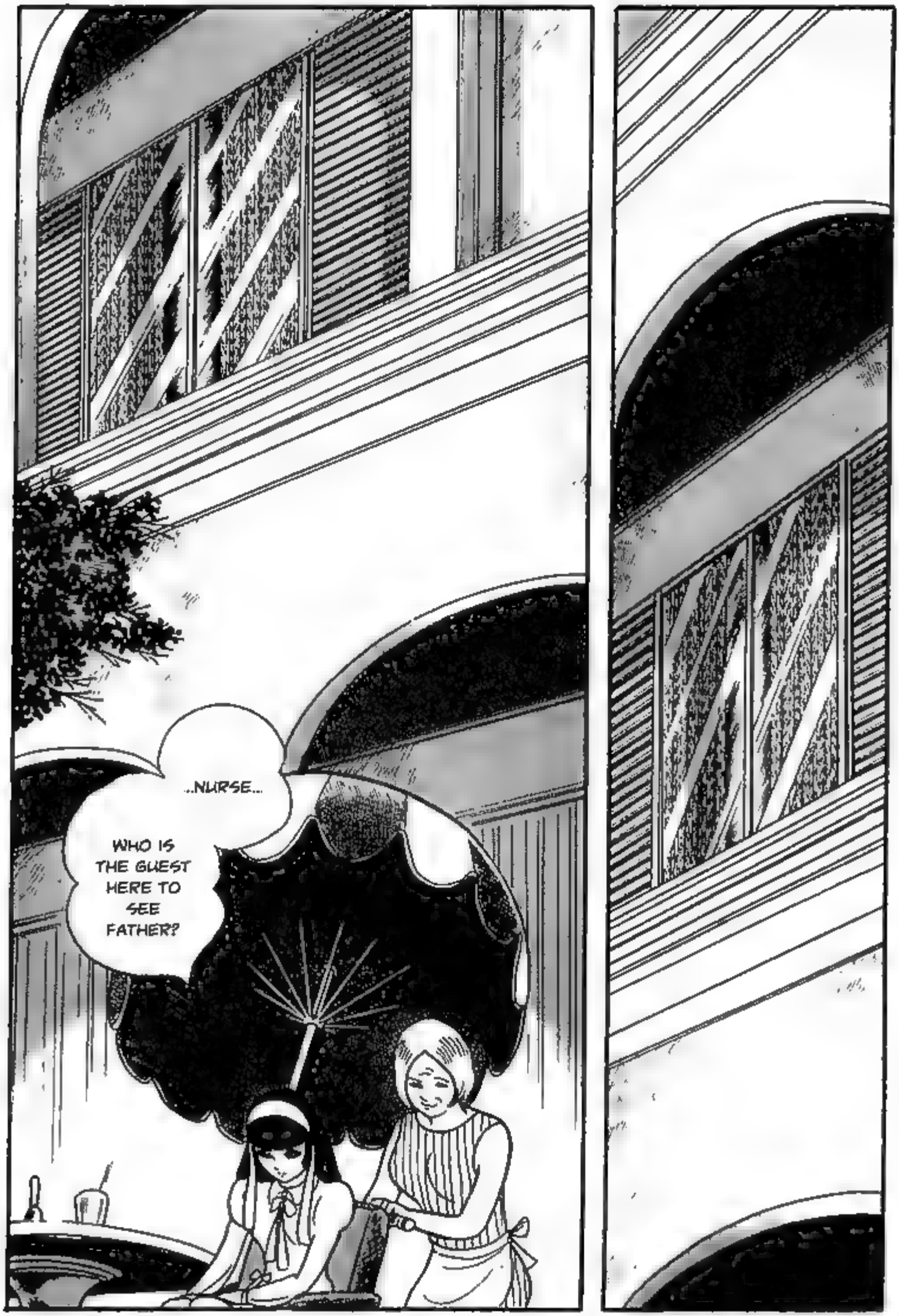
HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO THEM QUITE YET.

PLEASE DO SO.

HOWEVER, TAKE GREAT CAUTION...

I WILL CHECK WITH MY DAUGHTER AFTER THIS...

...I UNDER-STAND.


..NURSE...
WHO IS THE GUEST HERE TO SEE FATHER?

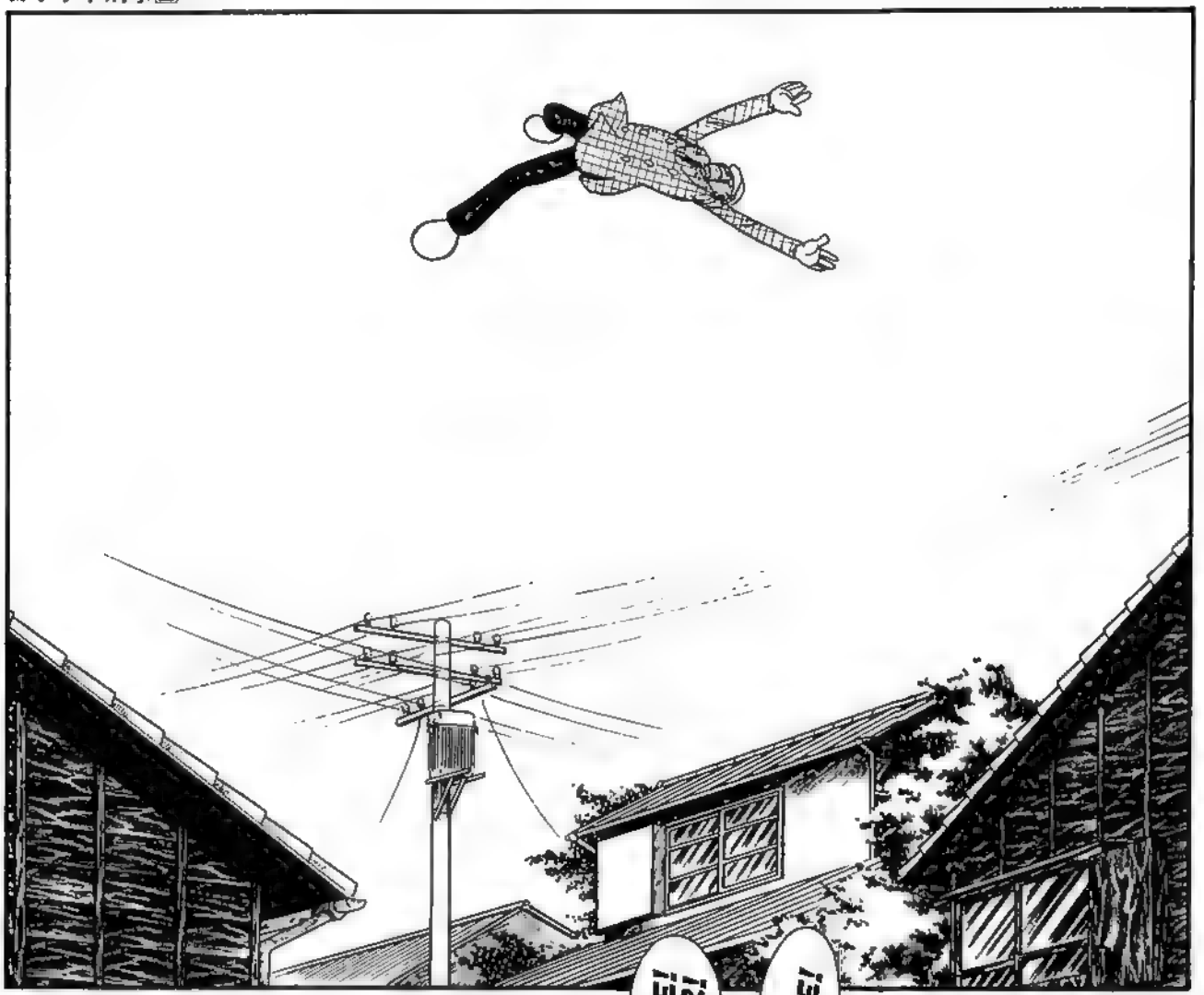
GLO-
VES
...?
WHAT...
EVEN WHILE IT'S THIS HOT, HE WAS ALL WRAPPED UP IN CLOTHES... HE WAS EVEN WEARING GLOVES...
HMM, I'M NOT SURE...
BUT HE CERTAINLY WAS A STRANGE MAN.

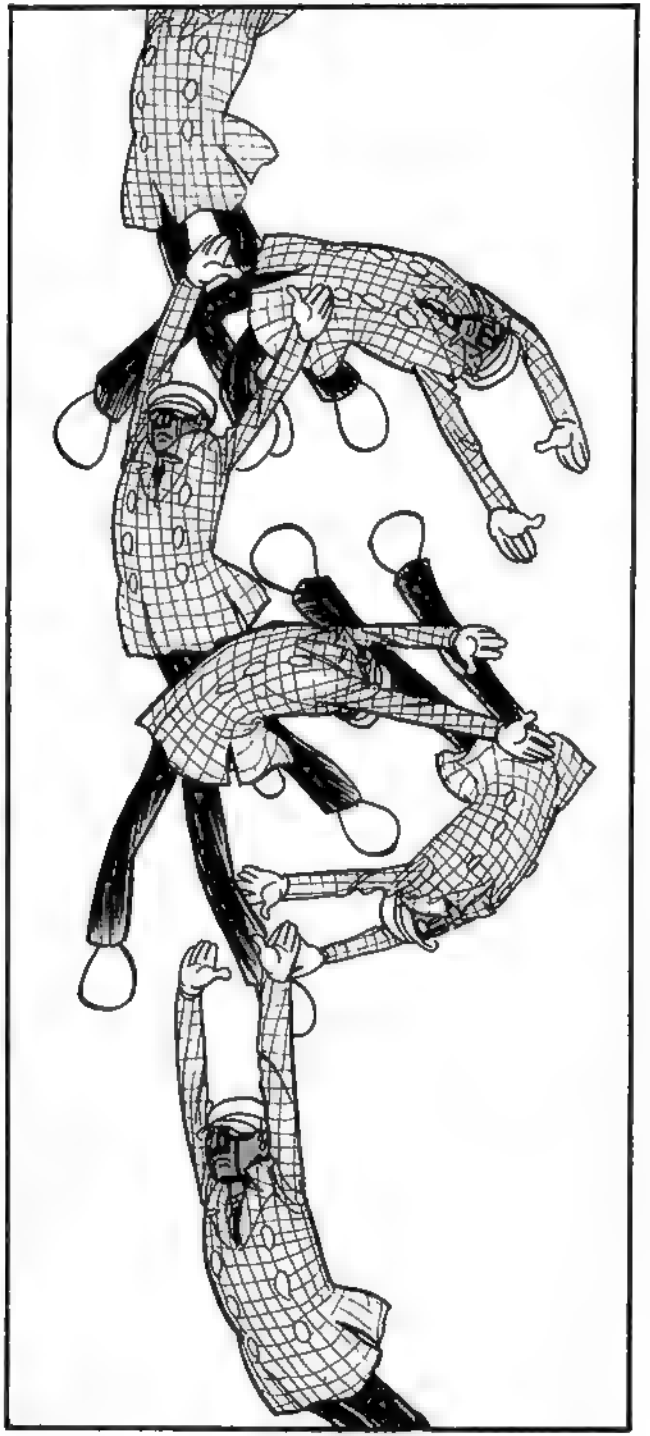
IS ANY-
THING THE
MATTER,
M'LADY?
OH
MY...

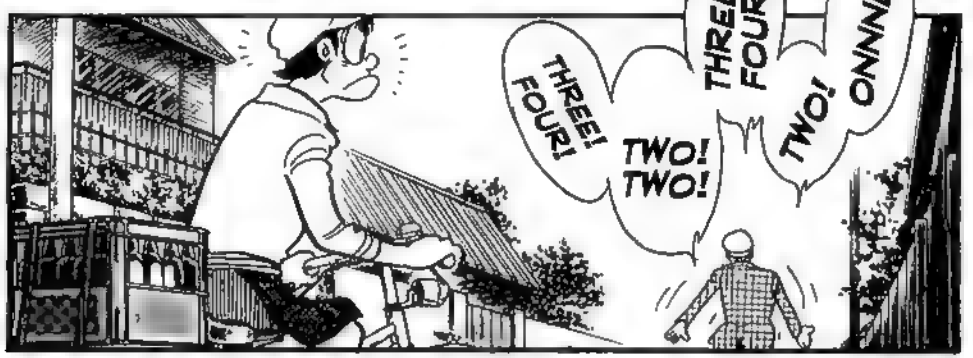
AH, NO...
NOTHING
...
HMM?

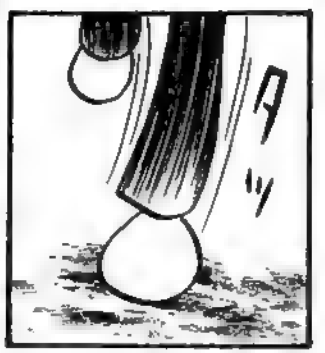
...I
SEE...

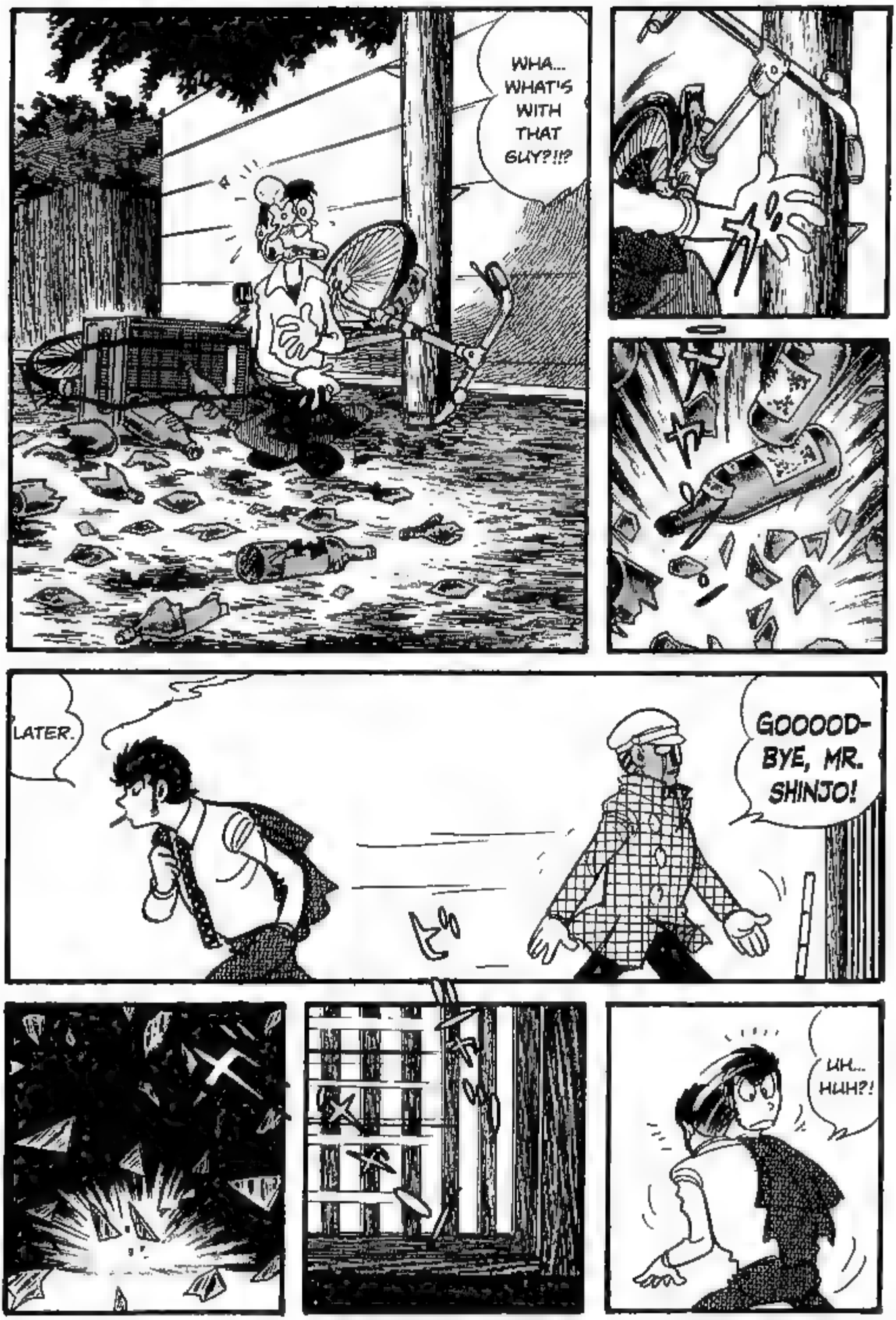
WOULD YOU LIKE TO... PLAY WITH ME AGAIN SOME TIME...?
YAAAAA
HOOOOH!!






THREE! FOUR!
TWO! TWO!
THREE! FOUR!
TWO! ONNE!




WHA... WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?!!?
LATER.
GOOOOD-BYE, MR. SHINJO!
UH... HUH?!

There are days my heart is cloudy,and there are days of rain

But there are also days the sun shines brightly in my brain

My body may be mechanical, my wiring prearranged,

But compared to a human's, my heart at least is unchanged.

(A poem by K)

T/N: THIS IS THE TITLE OF A HAIKU BY KOBAYASHI ISSA, A FAMOUS 19TH-CENTURY JAPANESE POET

I WONDER IF HE'S BROKEN? A BROKEN MACHINE IS A SCARY THING, Y'KNOW...

HE'S ACTING STR-ANGE!!

THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT, K'S SUPER WEIRD TODAY!

....

MAYBE HE JUST FOUND SOMETHING ON HIS WALK THAT MADE HIM FEEL HAPPY...?

HUH?

...WELL THERE'S NO PROBLEM IF SO, BUT...

IF IT'S THE OPPOSITE AND HE HEARD WHAT THAT SHINJO WAS SAYING ABOUT HIM FROM SOMEWHERE... IT'D BE BECAUSE HE'S REALLY UPSET...

...NOW, KAORI...

...ARE YOU AWAKE, KAORI?
AH... FATHER... YES, I AM...

WHERE EXACTLY DID YOU MEET HIM?
OH?
IT'S ABOUT YOUR FRIEND THAT YOU WERE PLAYING WITH IN THE GARDEN THIS AFTERNOON...
I'D LIKE IT IF YOU'D TELL ME WITHOUT HIDING ANYTHING...

HMM... AND THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU MET HIM?
THAT MAN CAUGHT MY HAT THAT GOT BLOWN AWAY IN THE WIND, SO I INVITED HIM IN...
..WELL, I'M SURE I CAN TELL YOU, FATHER.

...KAORI... I'M WORRIED.

SO HE'S VERY STRONG AND FIT.

YES... HE SAID HIS NAME WAS KEI

HE'S A SPORTS PLAYER...

FATHER!

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE FRIENDS?!

OF COURSE I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM... I'M BLIND! ARE YOU SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF THAT...

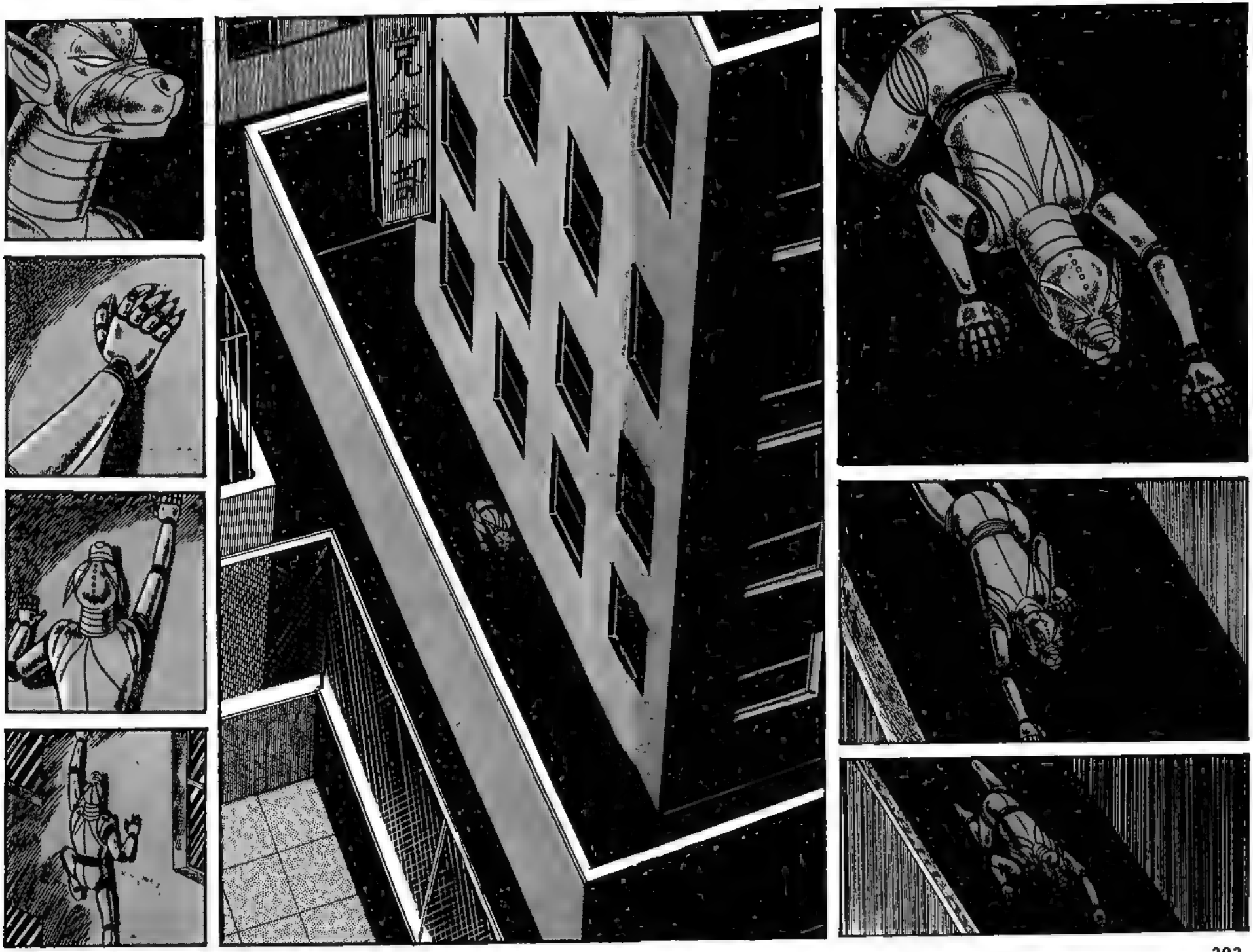
YOU WERE TALKING WITH SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN...

...WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT, KAORI. I HOPE YOU'LL LET ME MEET YOUR FRIEND SOME DAY SOON.

...GOOD NIGHT I LOVE YOU, KAORI...

I... I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY IT THAT WAY...

IT MIGHT JUST BE SAFER TO LET HER HAVE A FRIEND SHE CAN'T SEE...
...SHE CAN'T SEE THE FOREST OR THE TREES...
. . .
. . .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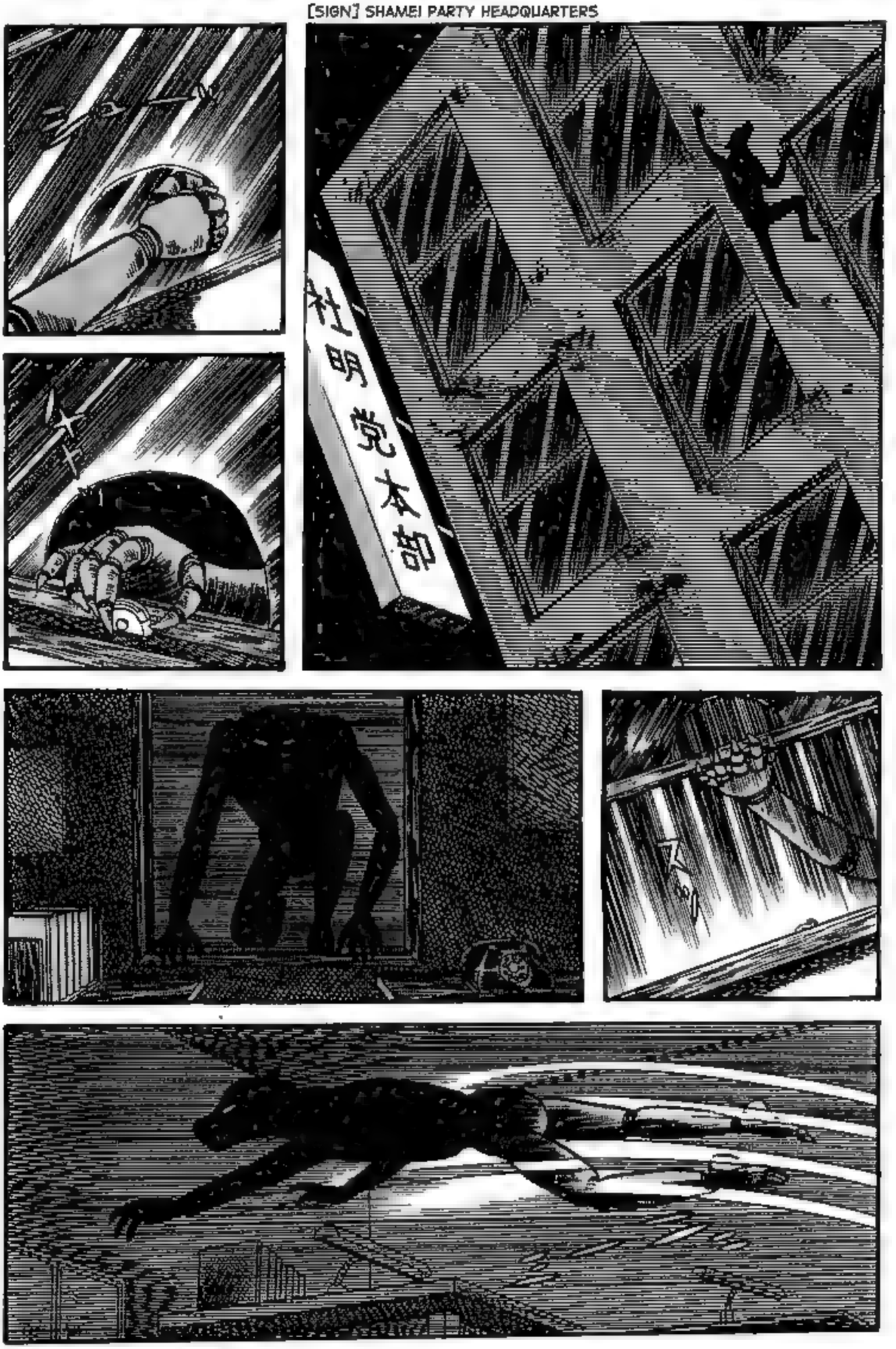

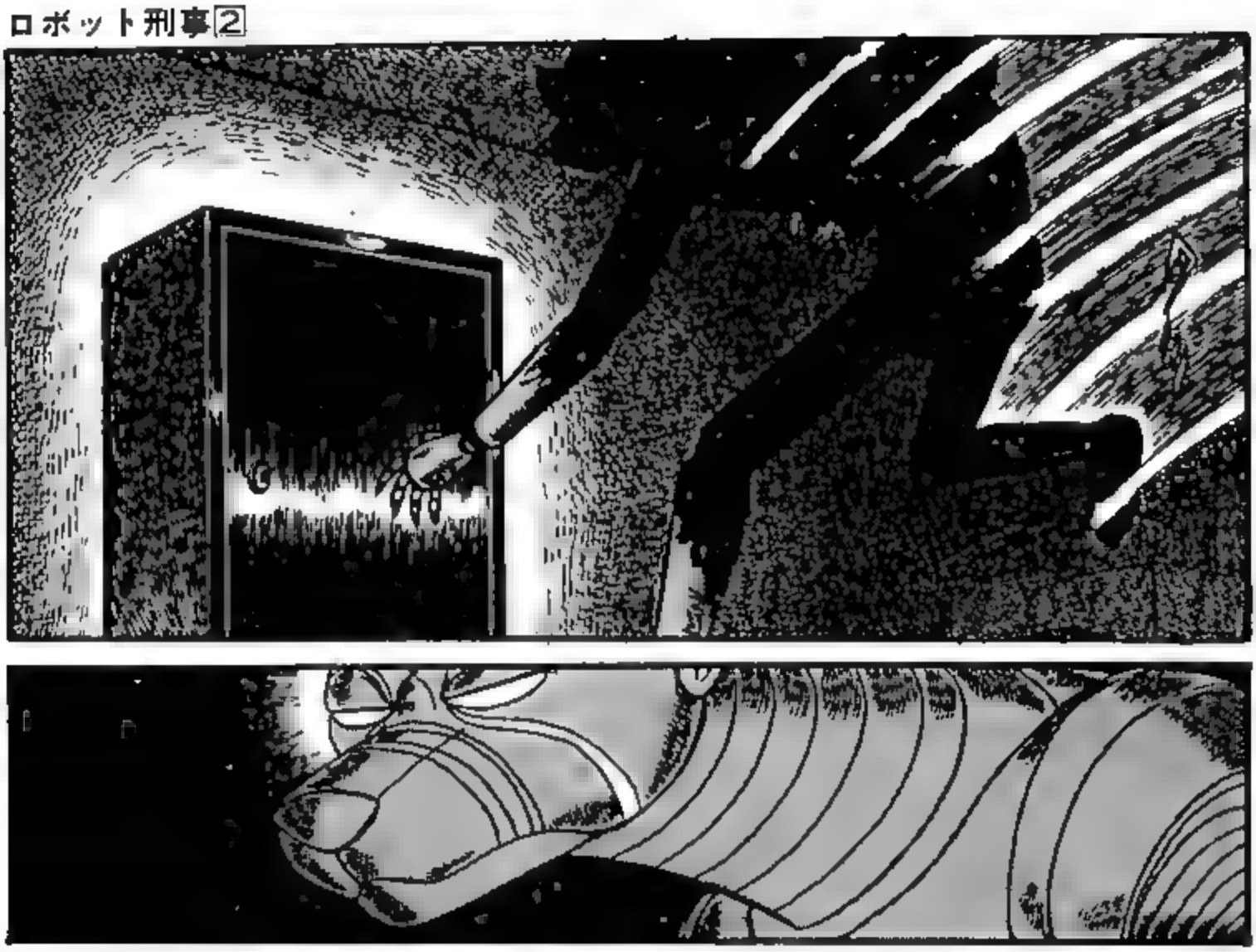

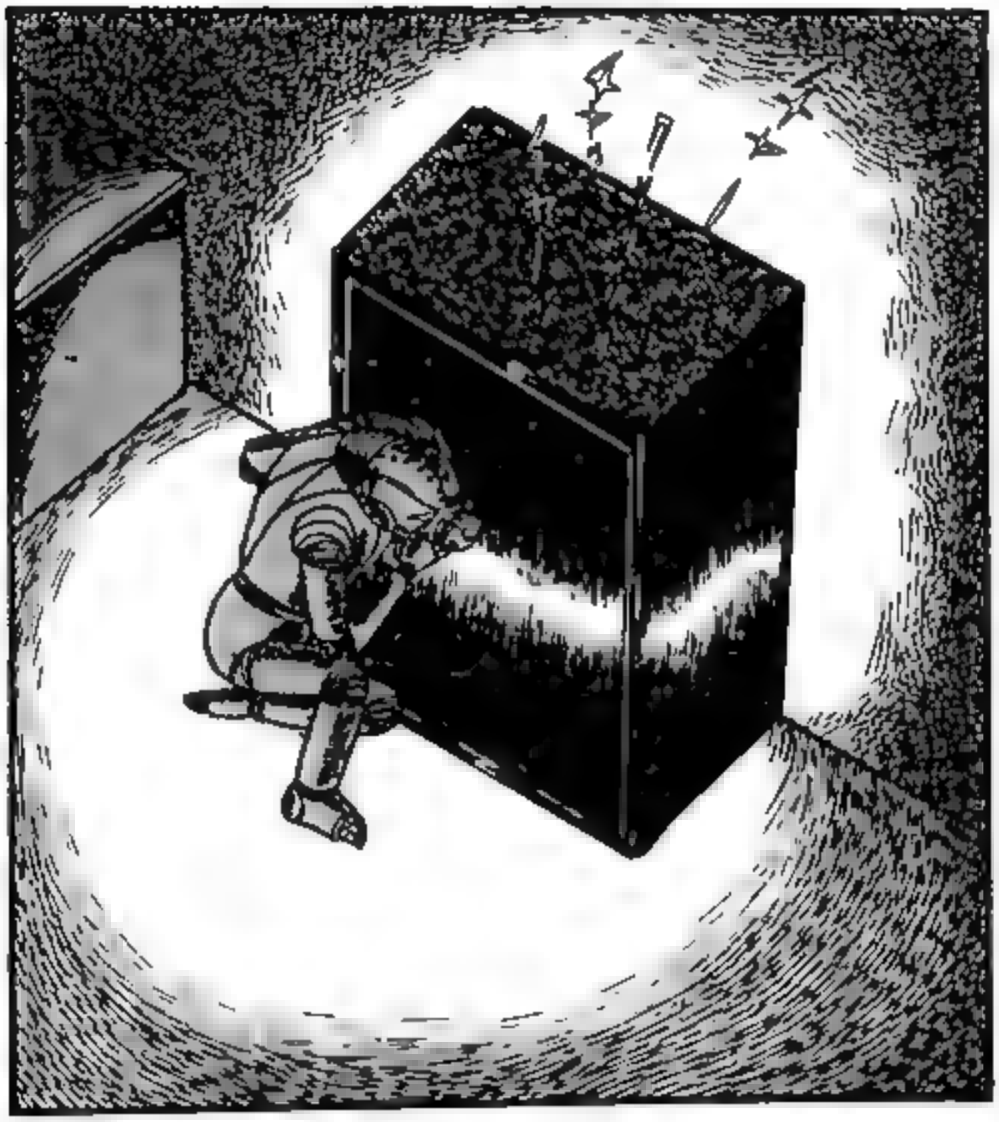

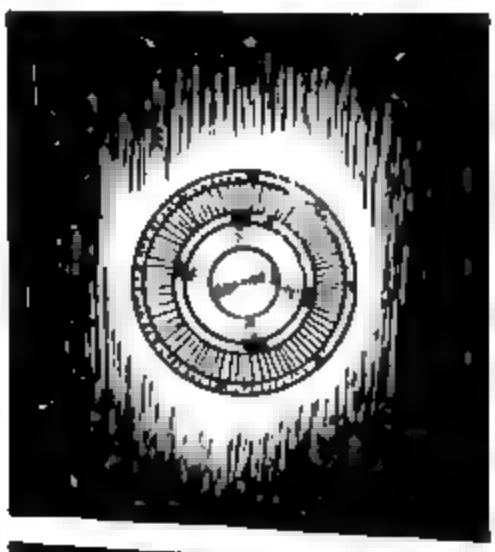

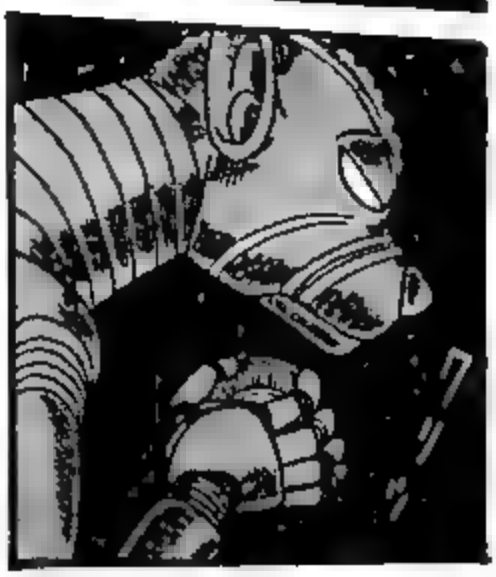

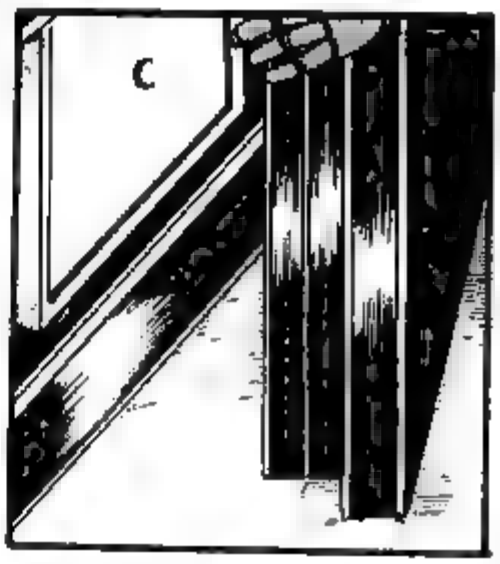
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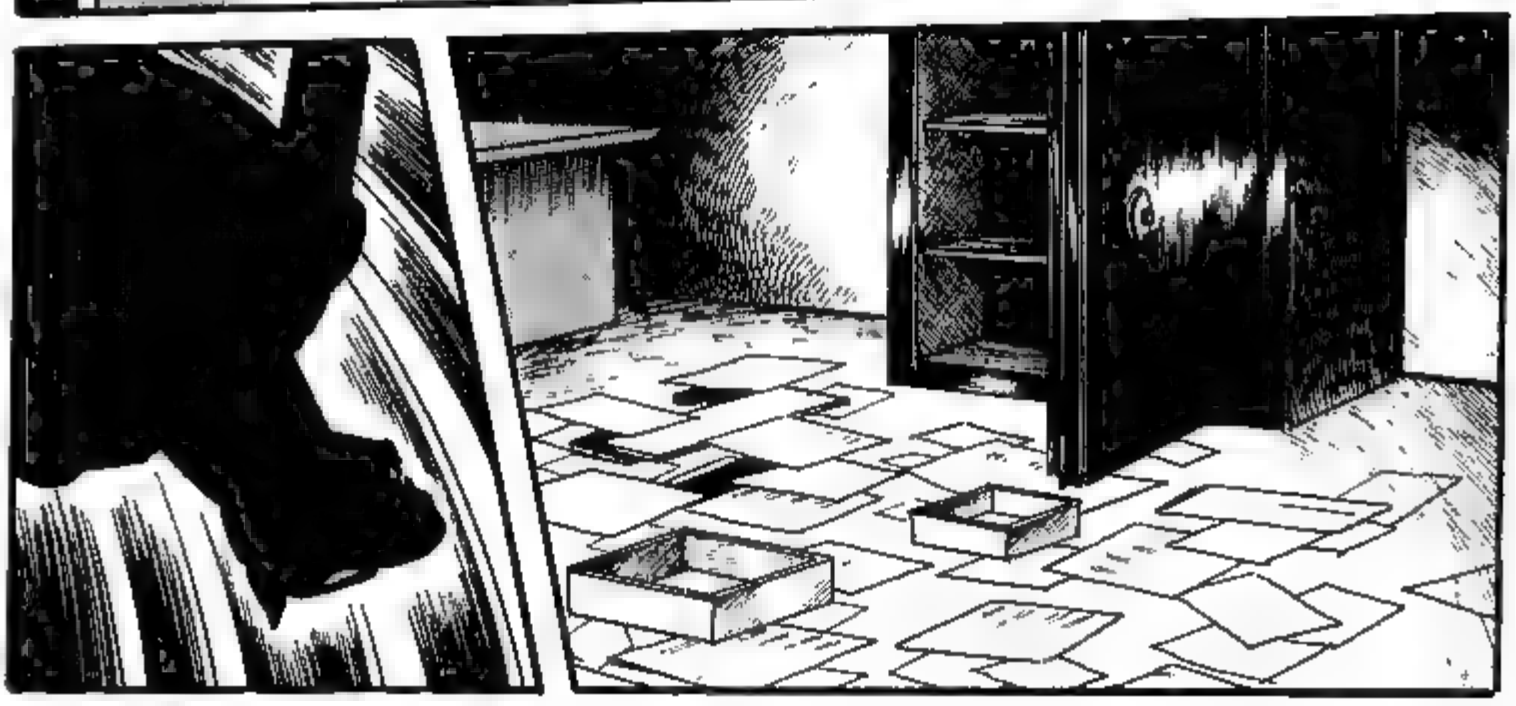

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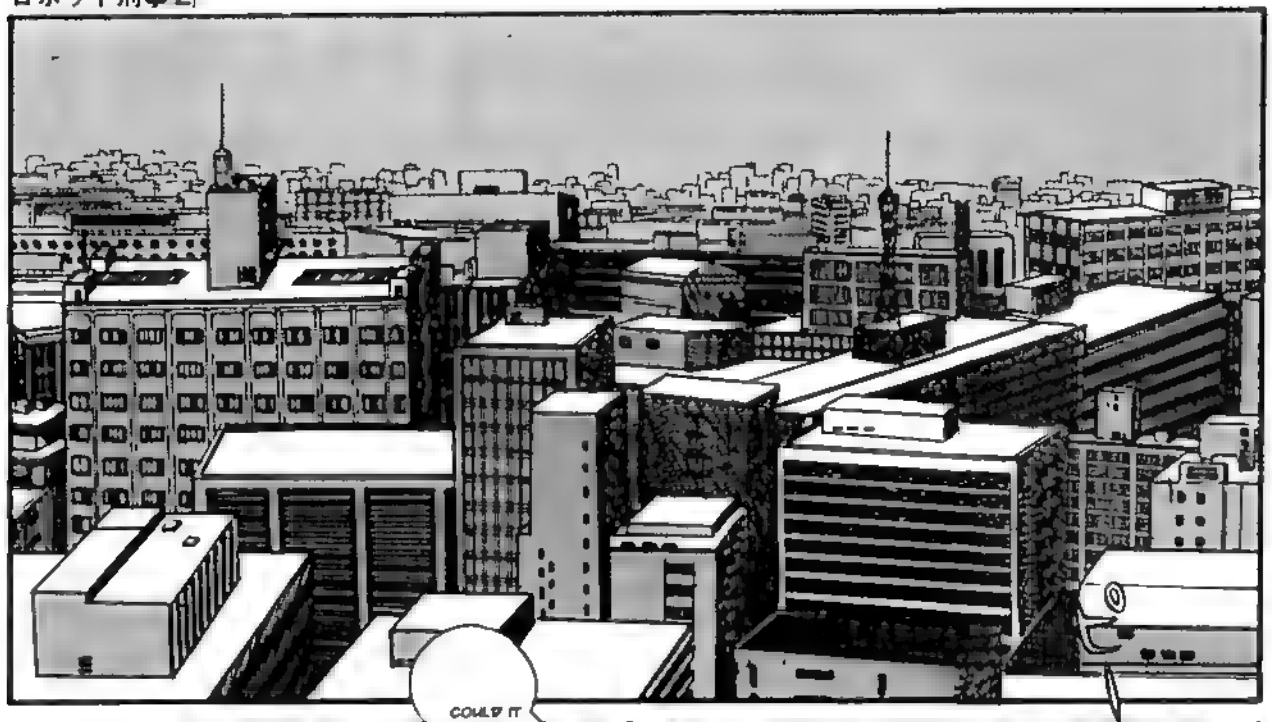

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HMM?!

THAT IS NOT TRUE!

ONE OF YOUR ALLIES DID THIS, Y'KNOW!

DON'T SOUND SO HAPPY!

I AM A DETECTIVE!

I HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE R.R.A.!!

...AND BESIDES, DON'T JUST TALK SO BRAZENLY!

DON'T YOU NEED SOME KINDA CLUE TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

THAT YOU'RE A ROBOT, SAME AS THE CULPRIT!

DUMBASS!! MR. SHIBA WAS SAYING...

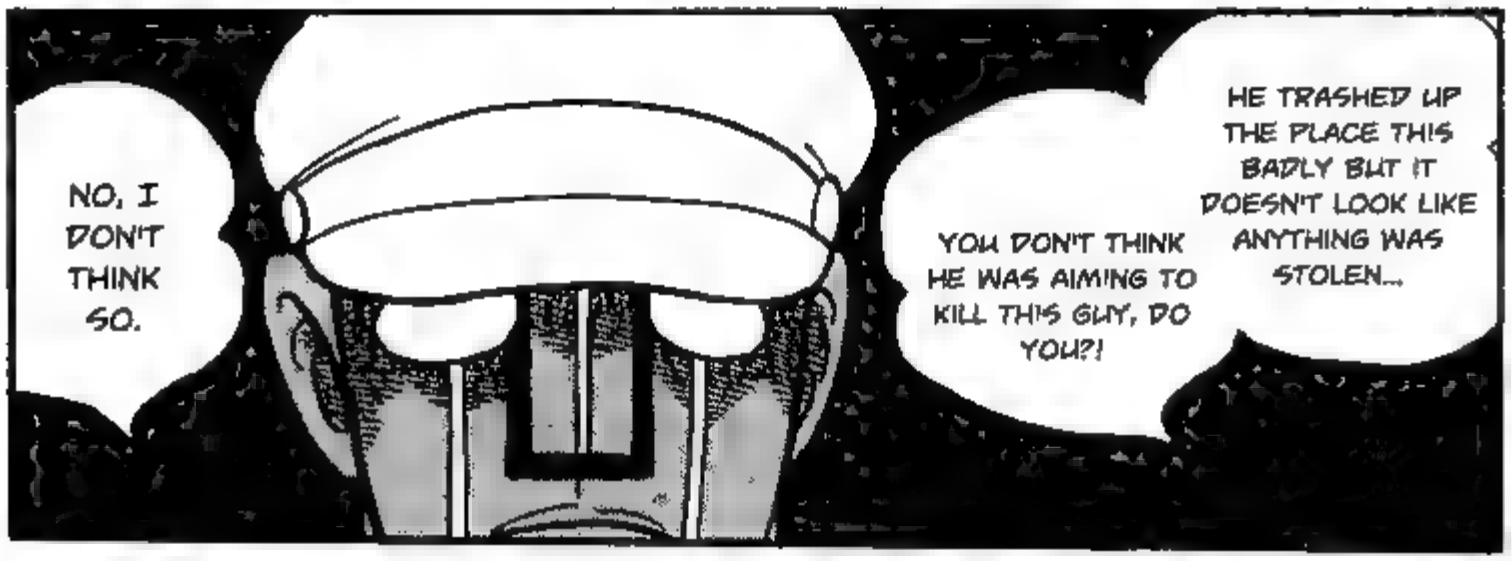
UNLIKE HUMANS, ROBOTS DO NOT LEAVE ANY CLUES!

I HAVE ALREADY SEARCHED!

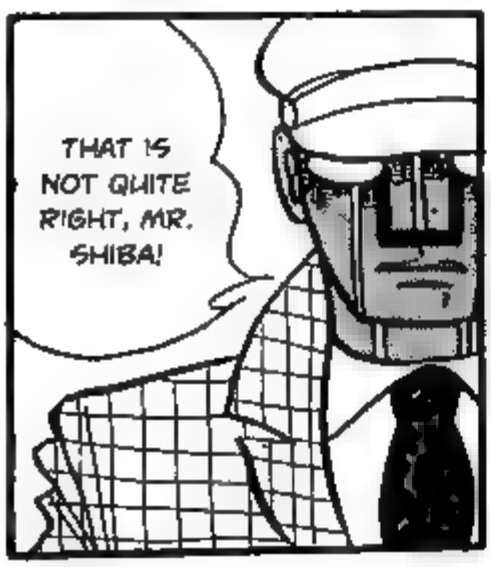
BUT I DID NOT FIND ANYTHING.

HMPH... WELL ANYWAY, MR. SHIBA...

HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE YESTERDAY... DON'T YOU GET DEFIANT!!
DAMMIT... THAT BASTARD SURE IS CHEERFUL TODAY!


NO, I DON'T THINK SO.
YOU DON'T THINK HE WAS AIMING TO KILL THIS GUY, DO YOU?!
HE TRASHED UP THE PLACE THIS BADLY BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING WAS STOLEN...

WE DIDN'T GET ANY CLUES, TODAY...
SO IN THE END...
HMPH...


THAT IS NOT QUITE RIGHT, MR. SHIBA!

AND SINCE THERE IS A HUMAN MASTER-MIND BEHIND THEM, IF WE TRY TO FIND THEM...

FINDING OUT THAT THE R.R.A. DOES THINGS LIKE THIS IS A BIG CLUE!

TO FIND OUT WHO HIRED THEM!!

THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO GET CLUES, SO WE CAN FIND THEM!!

I KNEW ALL THAT WITHOUT YOU SAYING IT!!

MORON!!

HUH?

...HEH.

BUT THEN...

HEY, K... WILL YOU BE MEETING WITH YOUR MOTHER SOON?

...

CRUSHING THE R.R.A. WHO PULLS OFF THESE HEINOUS CRIMES IS OUR BIGGEST PRIORITY!

W... WHY DO YOU ASK?!

MOTHER HAS TO KNOW WHERE IT IS!!

I WANNA KNOW WHERE THE R.R.A.'S HIDEOUT IS!!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

...

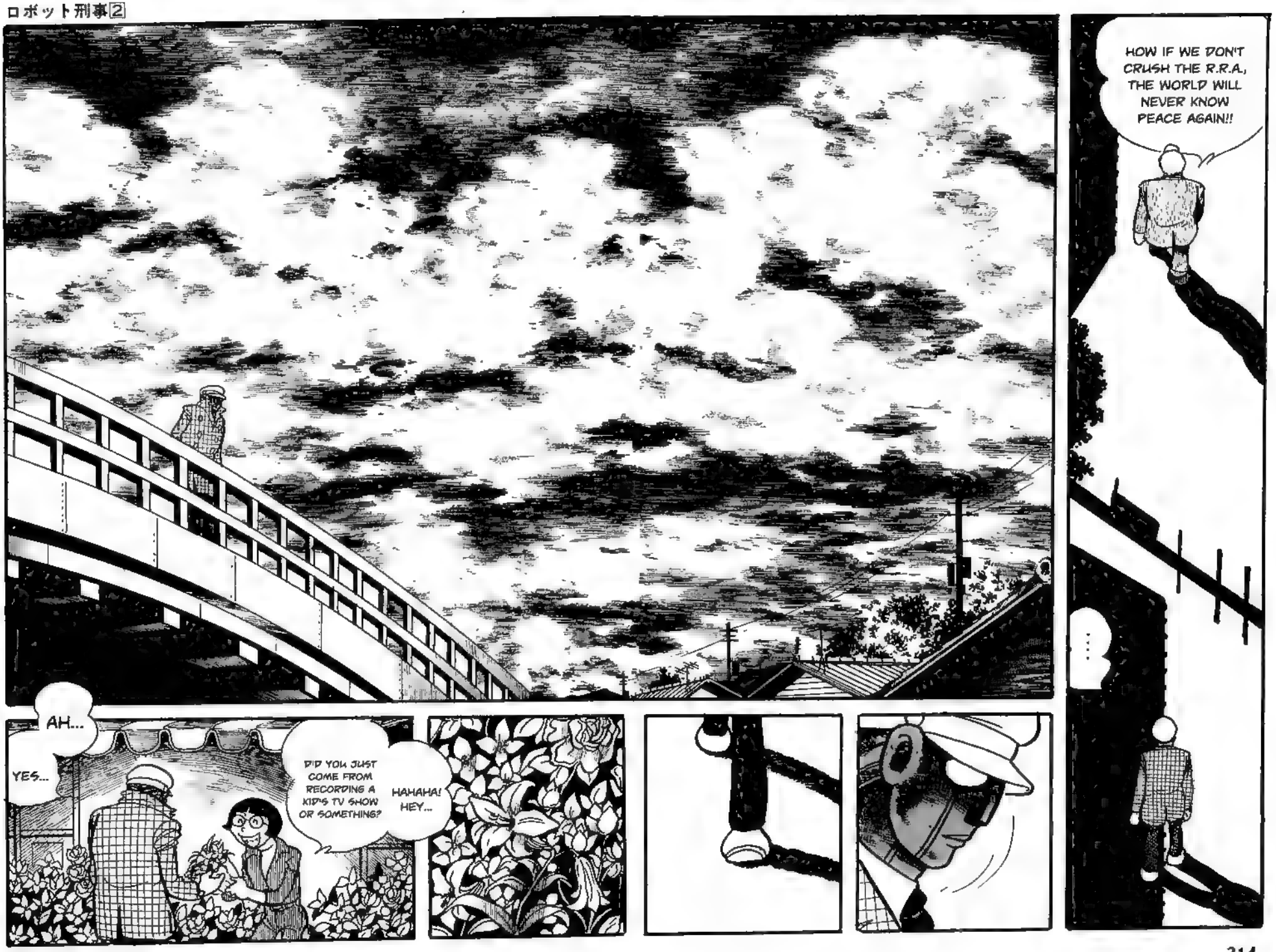
A...AND ANYWAY... I CANNOT MEET WITH MOTHER RIGHT NOW...

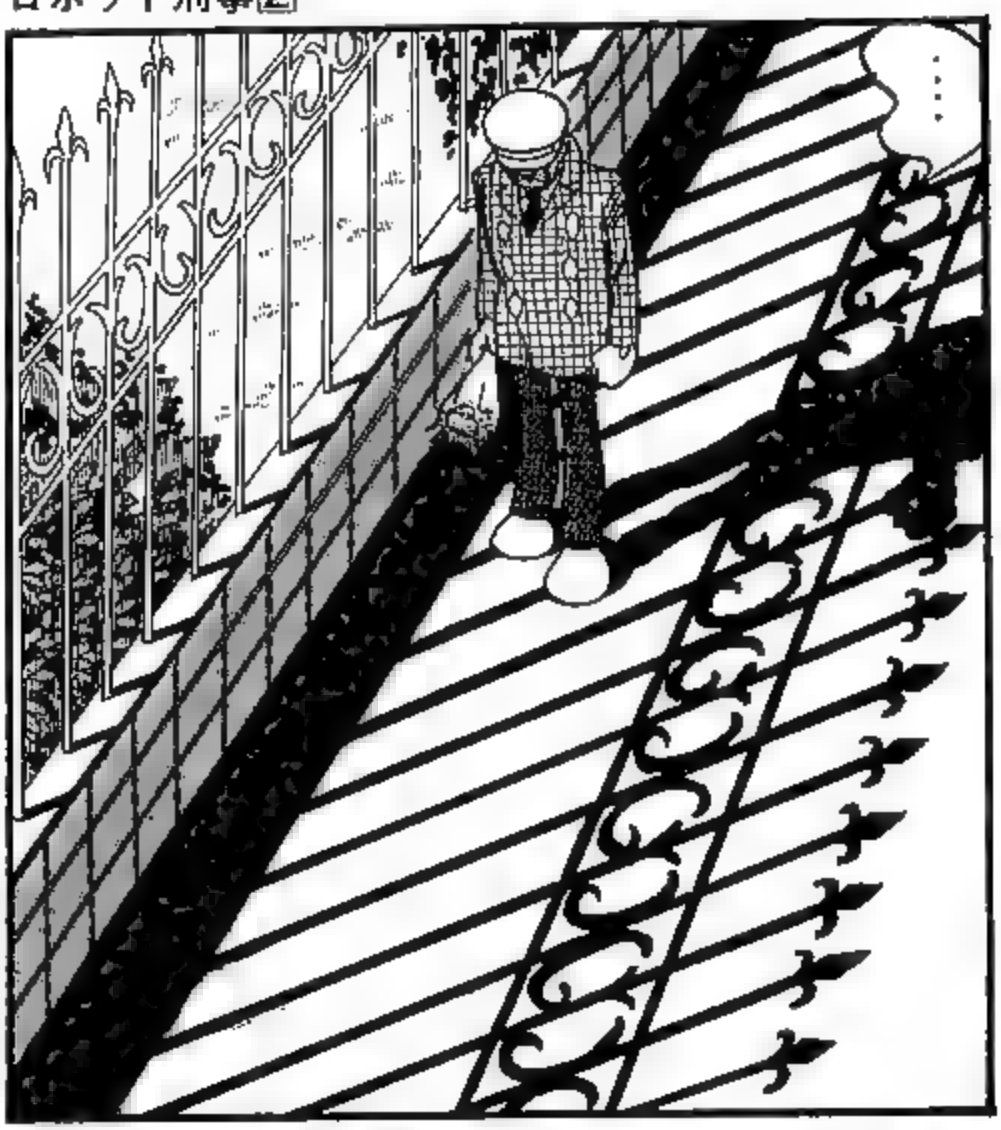
THAT... THAT IS NOT TRUE!

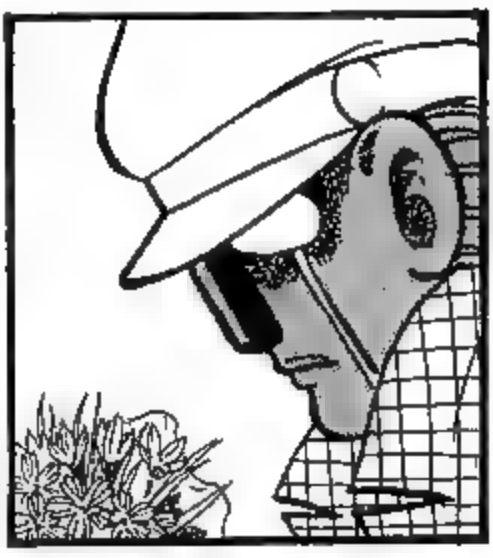
THERE IS NO WAY MOTHER WOULD KNOW THAT...!

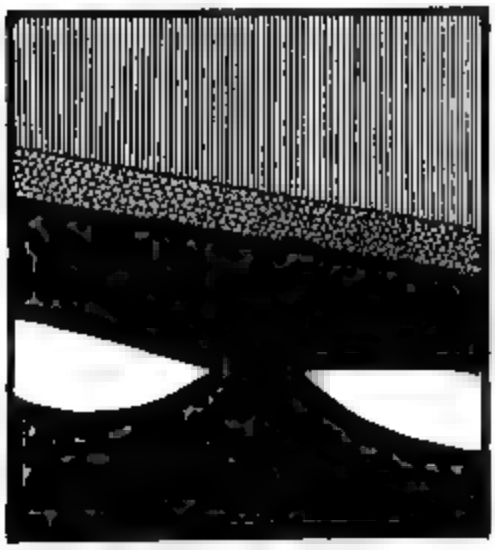
WELL, WHAT-EVER.

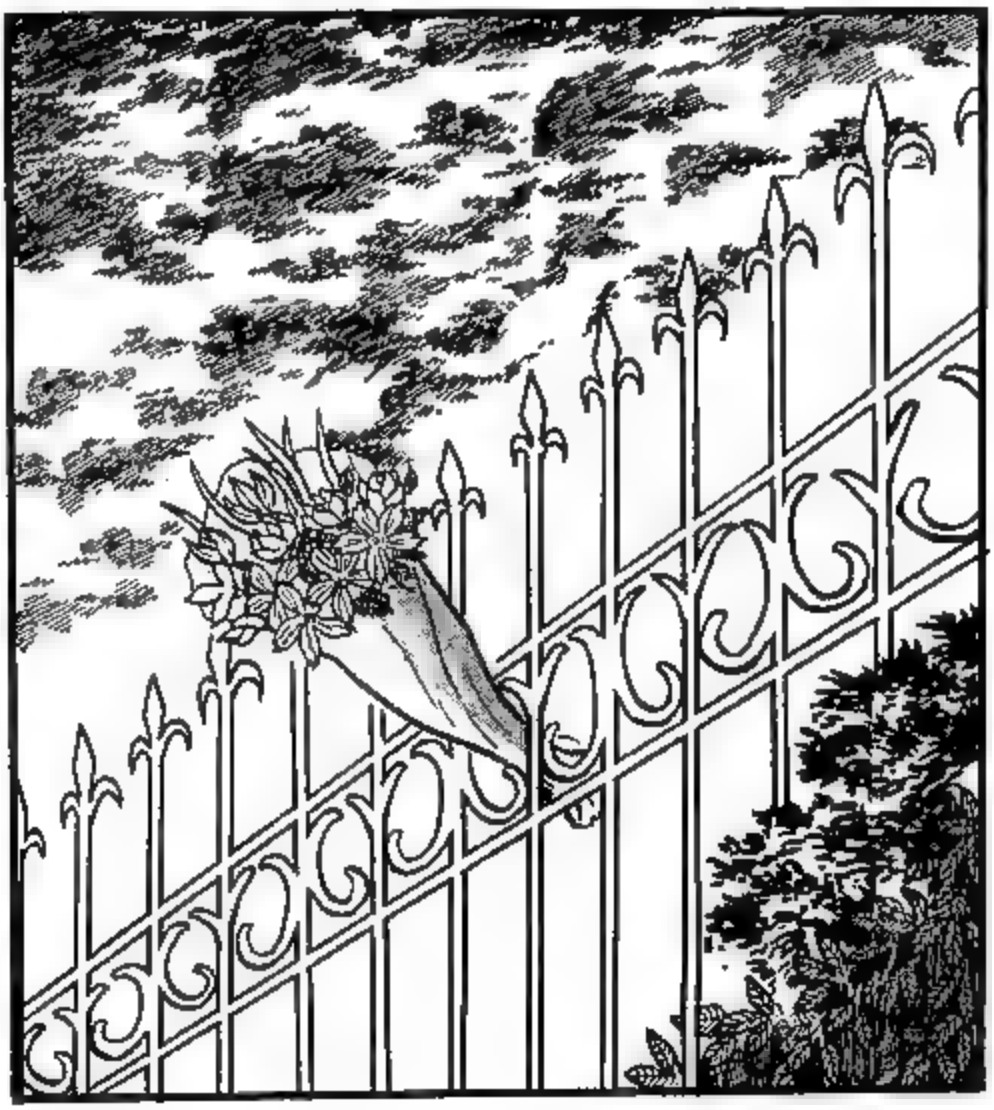
BUT I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT...


HOW IF WE DON'T CRUSH THE R.R.A., THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW PEACE AGAIN!!
.....
AH...
YES...
DID YOU JUST COME FROM RECORDING A KID'S TV SHOW OR SOMETHING?
HAHAHA! HEY...



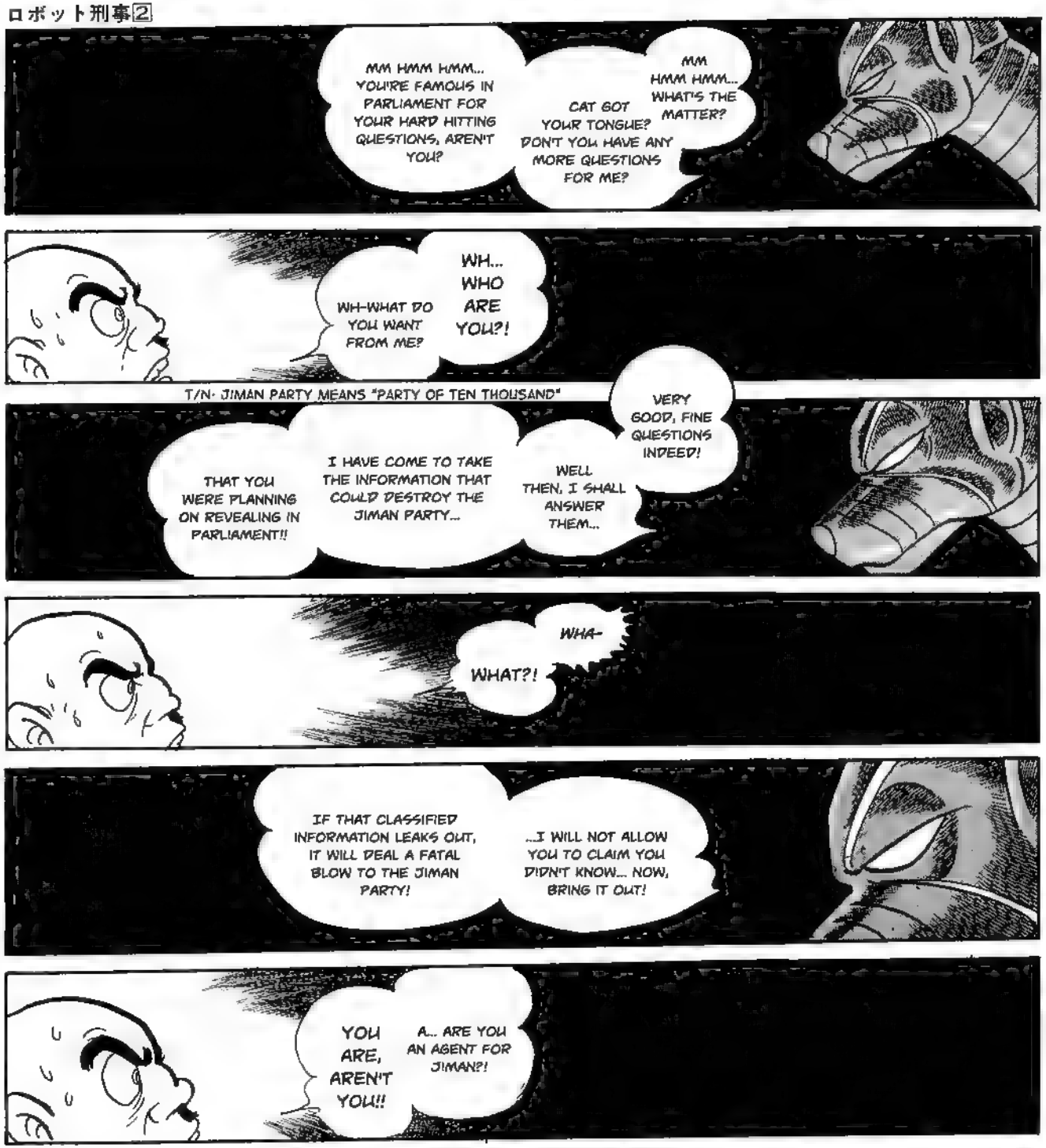


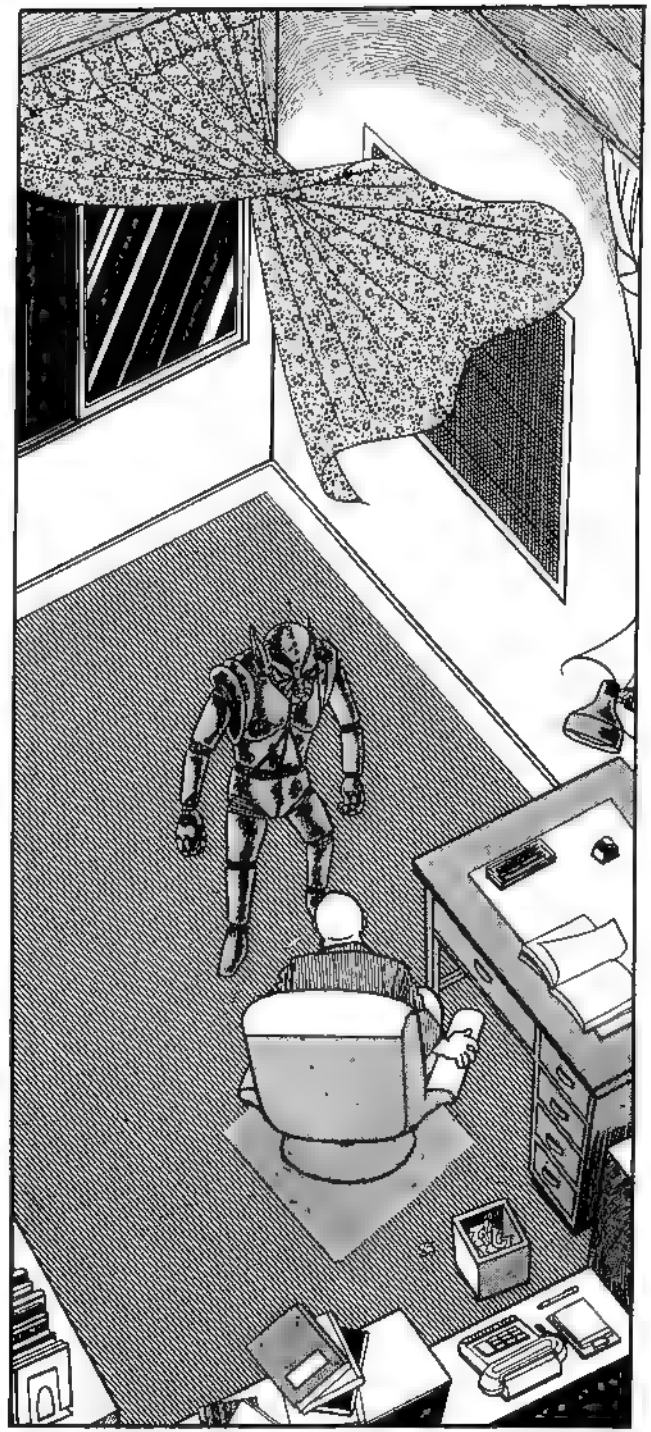


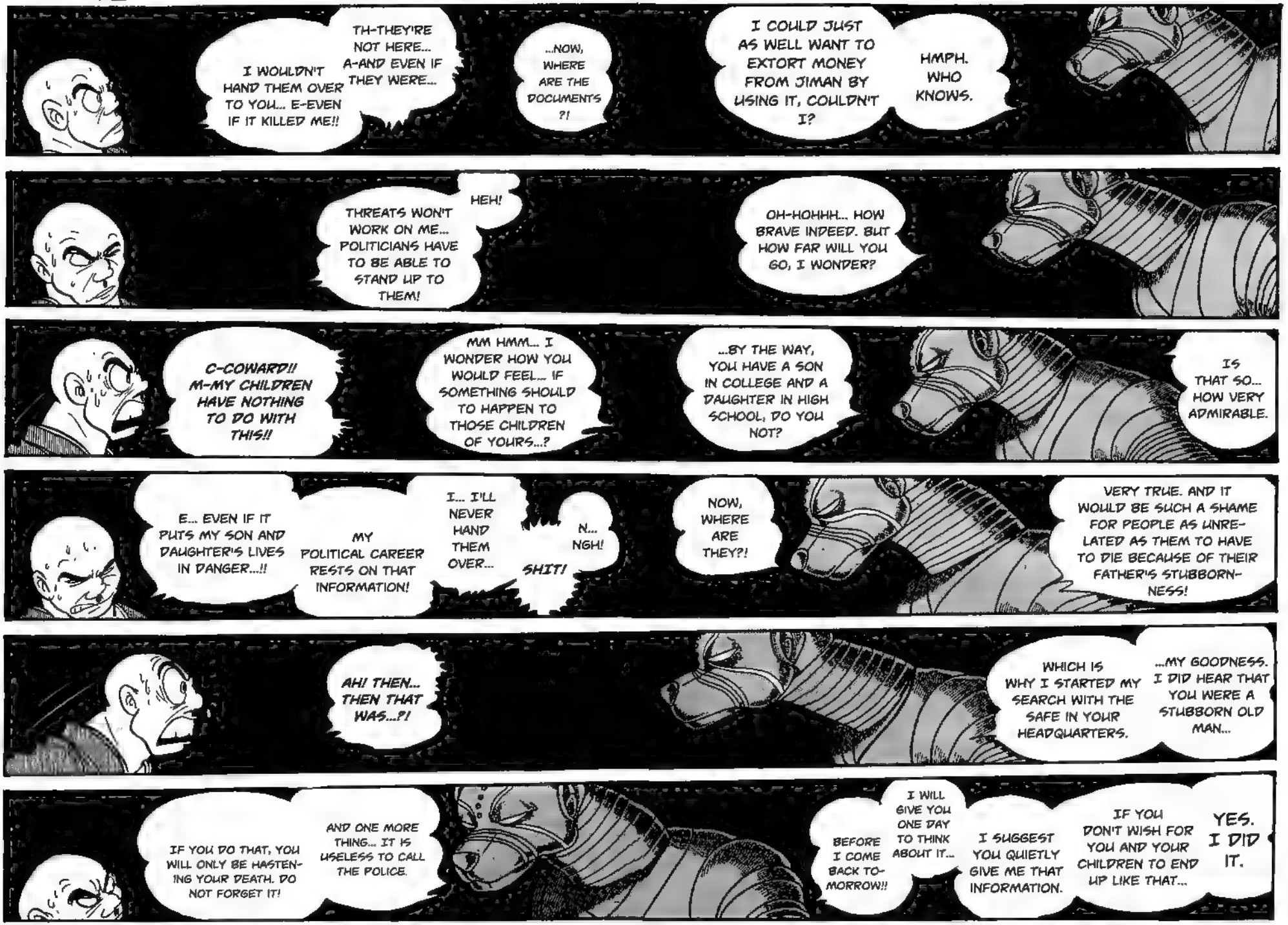


WHO'S THERE ?!

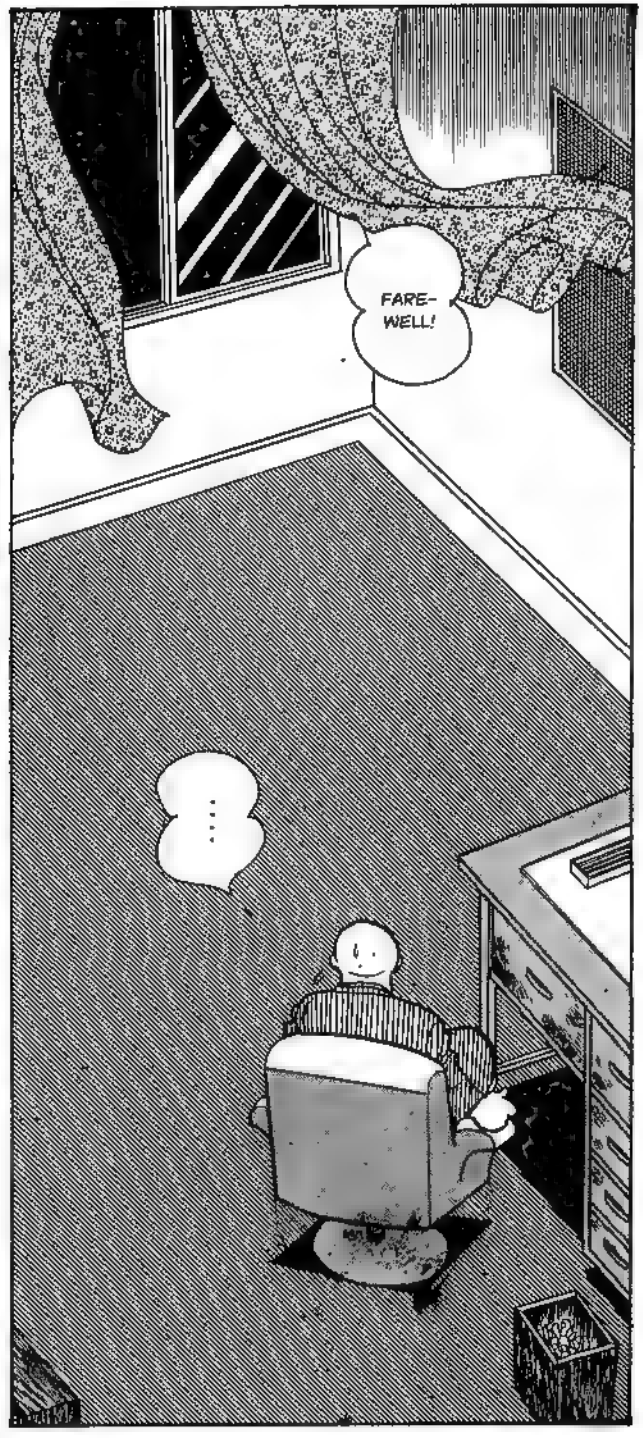
YOU ARE SHAMEI PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARIAN, AOTA HIROZOU MM HMM HMM HMM...
WHO, ME? I AM... JACKEL.
...AND AS FOR YOU...


MM HMM HMM... YOU'RE FAMOUS IN PARLIAMENT FOR YOUR HARD HITTING QUESTIONS, AREN'T YOU?
MM HMM HMM... WHAT'S THE MATTER?
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE? DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS FOR ME?
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WH... WHO ARE YOU?!
T/N: JIMAN PARTY MEANS "PARTY OF TEN THOUSAND"
VERY GOOD, FINE QUESTIONS INDEED!
WELL THEN, I SHALL ANSWER THEM...
I HAVE COME TO TAKE THE INFORMATION THAT COULD DESTROY THE JIMAN PARTY...
THAT YOU WERE PLANNING ON REVEALING IN PARLIAMENT!!
WHA-
WHAT?!
IF THAT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION LEAKS OUT, IT WILL DEAL A FATAL BLOW TO THE JIMAN PARTY!
...I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO CLAIM YOU DIDN'T KNOW... NOW, BRING IT OUT!
A... ARE YOU AN AGENT FOR JIMAN?!
YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU!!




I WOULDN'T HAND THEM OVER TO YOU... E-EVEN IF IT KILLED ME!!
TH-THEY'RE NOT HERE... A-AND EVEN IF THEY WERE...
...NOW, WHERE ARE THE DOCUMENTS ?!
I COULD JUST AS WELL WANT TO EXTORT MONEY FROM JIMAN BY USING IT, COULDN'T I?
HMPH. WHO KNOWS.
HEH!
THREATS WON'T WORK ON ME... POLITICIANS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO THEM!
OH-HOHHH... HOW BRAVE INDEED. BUT HOW FAR WILL YOU GO, I WONDER?
C-COWARD!! M-MY CHILDREN HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!
MM HMM... I WONDER HOW YOU WOULD FEEL... IF SOMETHING SHOULD TO HAPPEN TO THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS...?
...BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE A SON IN COLLEGE AND A DAUGHTER IN HIGH SCHOOL, DO YOU NOT?
IS THAT SO... HOW VERY ADMIRABLE.
E... EVEN IF IT PUTS MY SON AND DAUGHTER'S LIVES IN DANGER...!!
MY POLITICAL CAREER RESTS ON THAT INFORMATION!
I... I'LL NEVER HAND THEM OVER...
N... NGH!
SHIT!
NOW, WHERE ARE THEY?!
VERY TRUE. AND IT WOULD BE SUCH A SHAME FOR PEOPLE AS UNRELATED AS THEM TO HAVE TO DIE BECAUSE OF THEIR FATHER'S STUBBORNNESS!
AH! THEN... THEN THAT WAS...?!
WHICH IS WHY I STARTED MY SEARCH WITH THE SAFE IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS.
...MY GOODNESS. I DID HEAR THAT YOU WERE A STUBBORN OLD MAN...
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU WILL ONLY BE HASTENING YOUR DEATH. DO NOT FORGET IT!
AND ONE MORE THING... IT IS USELESS TO CALL THE POLICE.
BEFORE I COME BACK TOMORROW!!
I WILL GIVE YOU ONE DAY TO THINK ABOUT IT...
I SUGGEST YOU QUIETLY GIVE ME THAT INFORMATION.
IF YOU DON'T WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO END UP LIKE THAT...
YES. I DID IT.

WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...
HUH?!
YES, THIS IS THE SHIBA RESIDENCE ...
...YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH MR. SHIBA?
...IS IT SOME KIND OF CASE?
HMM... I SEE...
I UNDER-STAND!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG? ...WHAT?!
...AOTA?
...OH! IT'S YOU...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YEESH... A CLASS REUNION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
HE SAID HE WANTS TO MEET WITH ME!
...NO... IT WAS A FRIEND OF MINE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL.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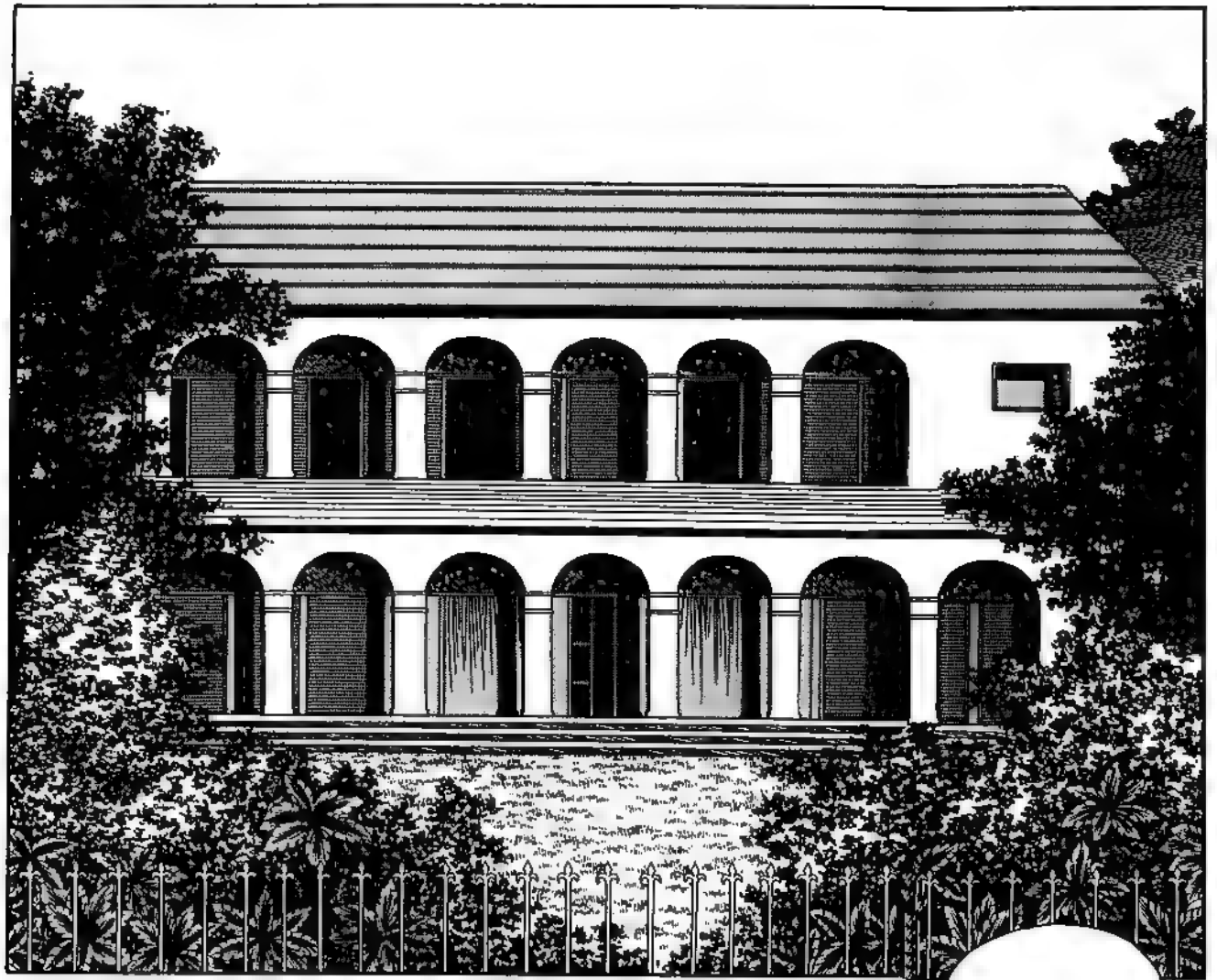
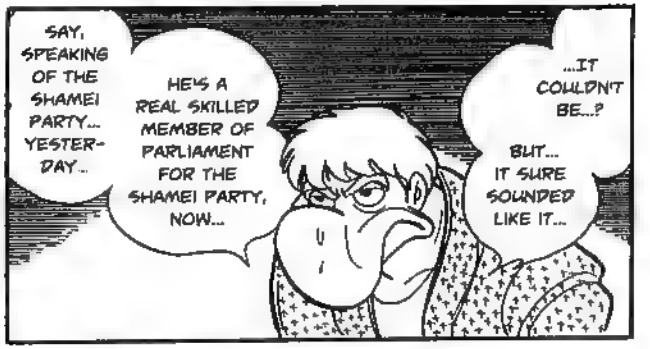
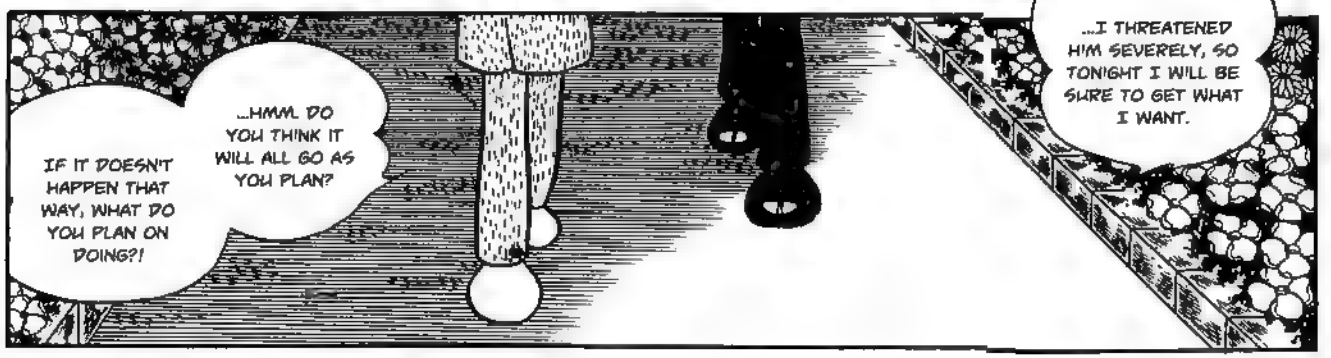
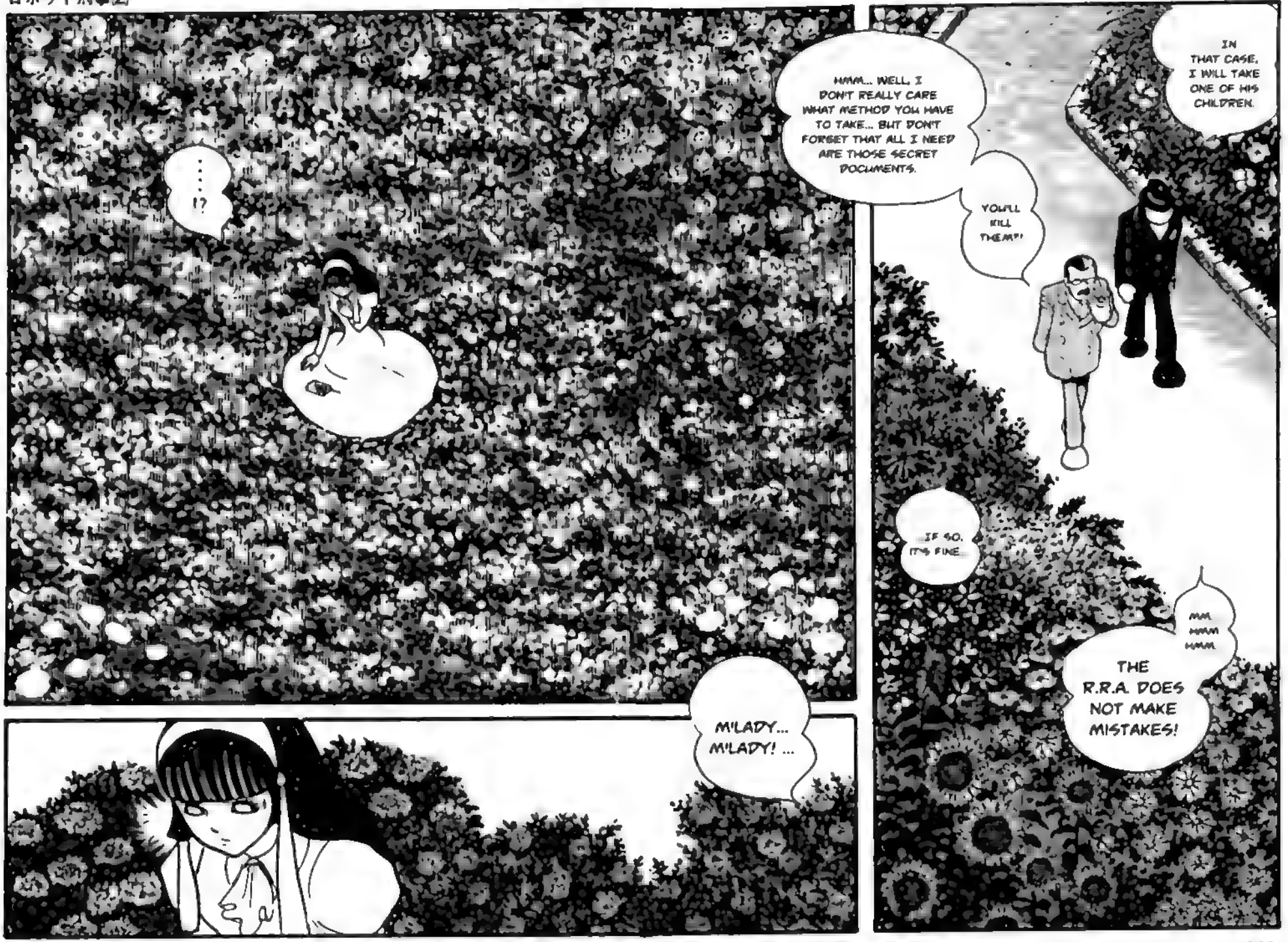



SAY, SPEAKING OF THE SHAMEI PARTY... YESTER-DAY...
HE'S A REAL SKILLED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE SHAMEI PARTY, NOW...
...IT COULDN'T BE...?
BUT... IT SURE SOUNDED LIKE IT...

...ANYWAY, HE SAID IT WASN'T AS A DETECTIVE, BUT AS A FRIEND HE WANTED TO SEE ME.

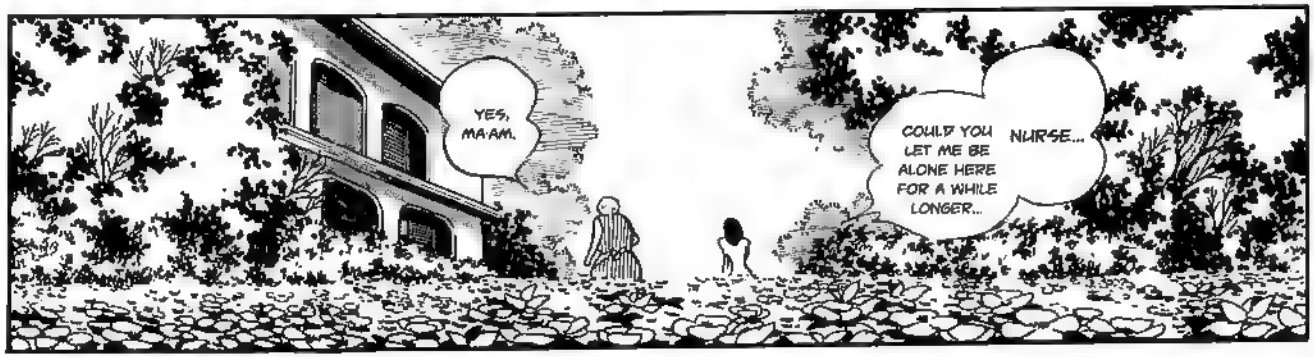

...I THREATENED HIM SEVERELY, SO TONIGHT I WILL BE SURE TO GET WHAT I WANT.
...HMM. DO YOU THINK IT WILL ALL GO AS YOU PLAN?
IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY, WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING?!

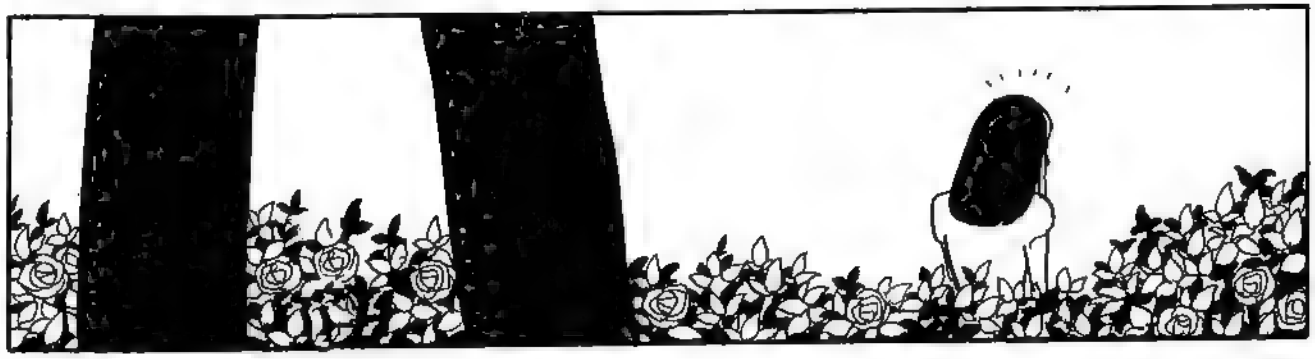

IN THAT CASE, I WILL TAKE ONE OF HIS CHILDREN.
YOU'LL KILL THEM?!
HMM... WELL, I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT METHOD YOU HAVE TO TAKE... BUT DON'T FORGET THAT ALL I NEED ARE THOSE SECRET DOCUMENTS.
.....!?
...IF SO, IT'S FINE...
MM HMM HMM
THE R.R.A. DOES NOT MAKE MISTAKES!
M'LADY... M'LADY! ...

GOOD AFTERNOON, MISS KAORI!
...KEI...

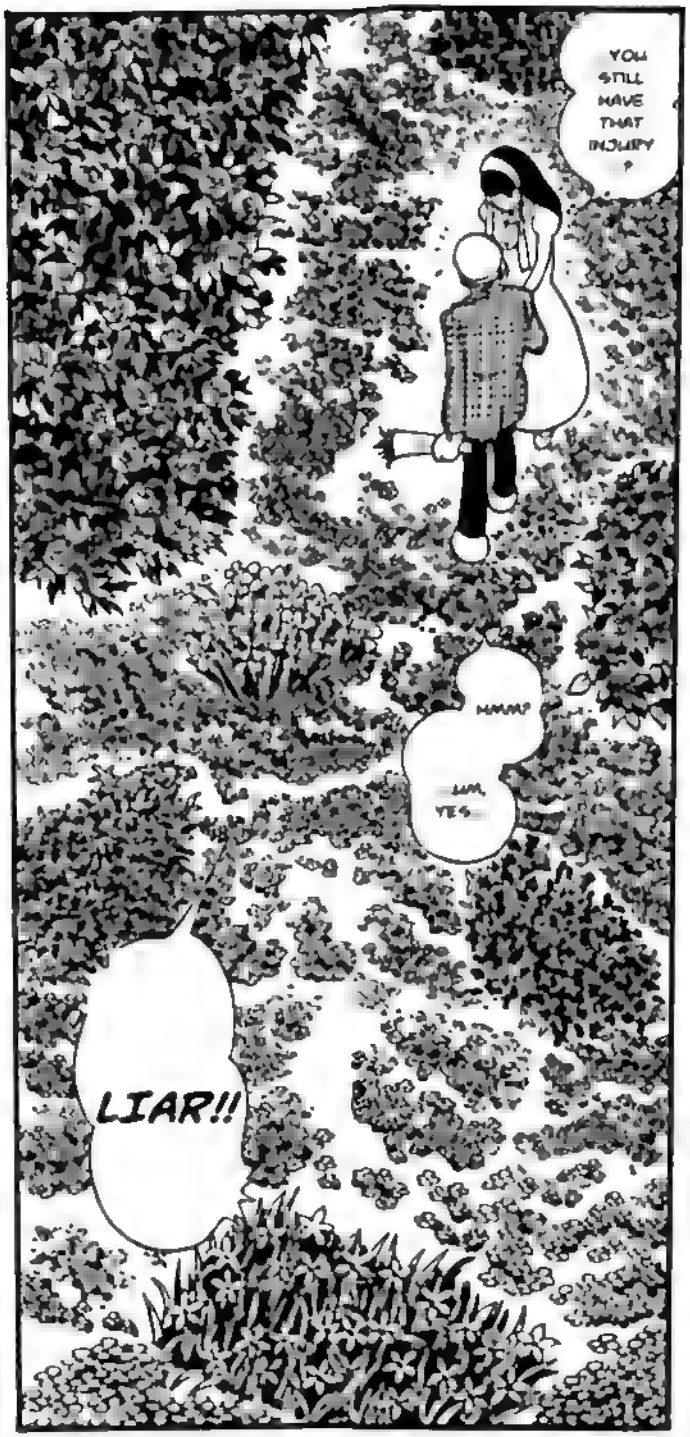
THE GUEST JUST NOW...?
..SAY, NURSE...
WHO WAS...
I'VE BEEN HURRYING TO LET YOU KNOW... BUT HE'S ALREADY LEFT BY NOW...
THERE YOU ARE... THE MASTER WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE, SO I'VE BEEN SEARCHING ALL OVER FOR YOU!

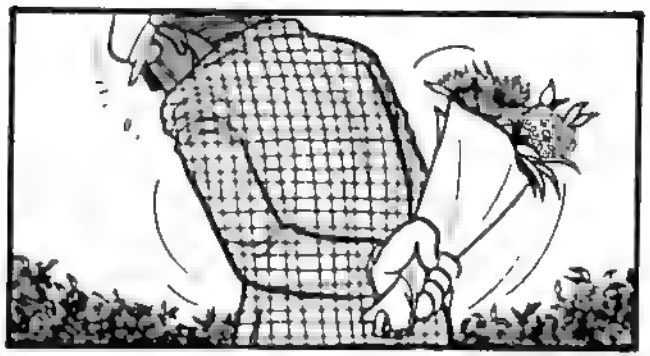
I JUST... REMEMBERED SOMETHING...
AH... NO...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED ME TO DO...?
OH, IT WAS THAT MAN AGAIN.
THE ONE WITH THE OVERCOAT AND THE MASK!


YES, MA'AM.
COULD YOU LET ME BE ALONE HERE FOR A WHILE LONGER...
NURSE...

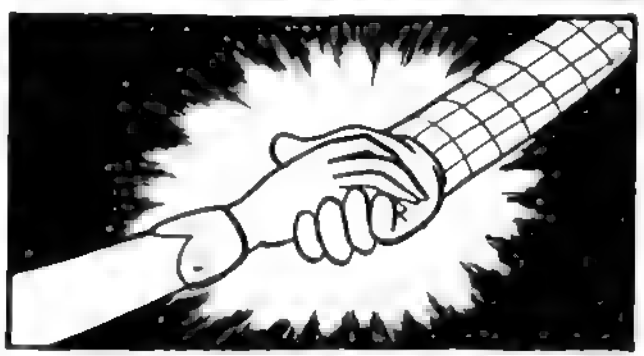


YOUR HANDS AREN'T HUMAN HANDS!!
WHAT?!
AND I HATE LIARS MORE THAN ANYTHING!!
I CAN AT LEAST TELL SOMEONE'S VOICE AND THE FEEL OF THEIR HANDS...
I... MAY BE BLIND, BUT...
I... I AM SORRY... THIS IS ACTUALLY... UM... AN ARTIFICIAL HAND...


YOU STILL HAVE THAT INJURY?
HMM?
UM, YES...
LIAR!!



I'M SORRY... COULD YOU LEND ME YOUR HAND?



YOU... YOU'RE PART OF THE R.R.A., AREN'T YOU?!
WH... WHAT ?!

"R.R.A."
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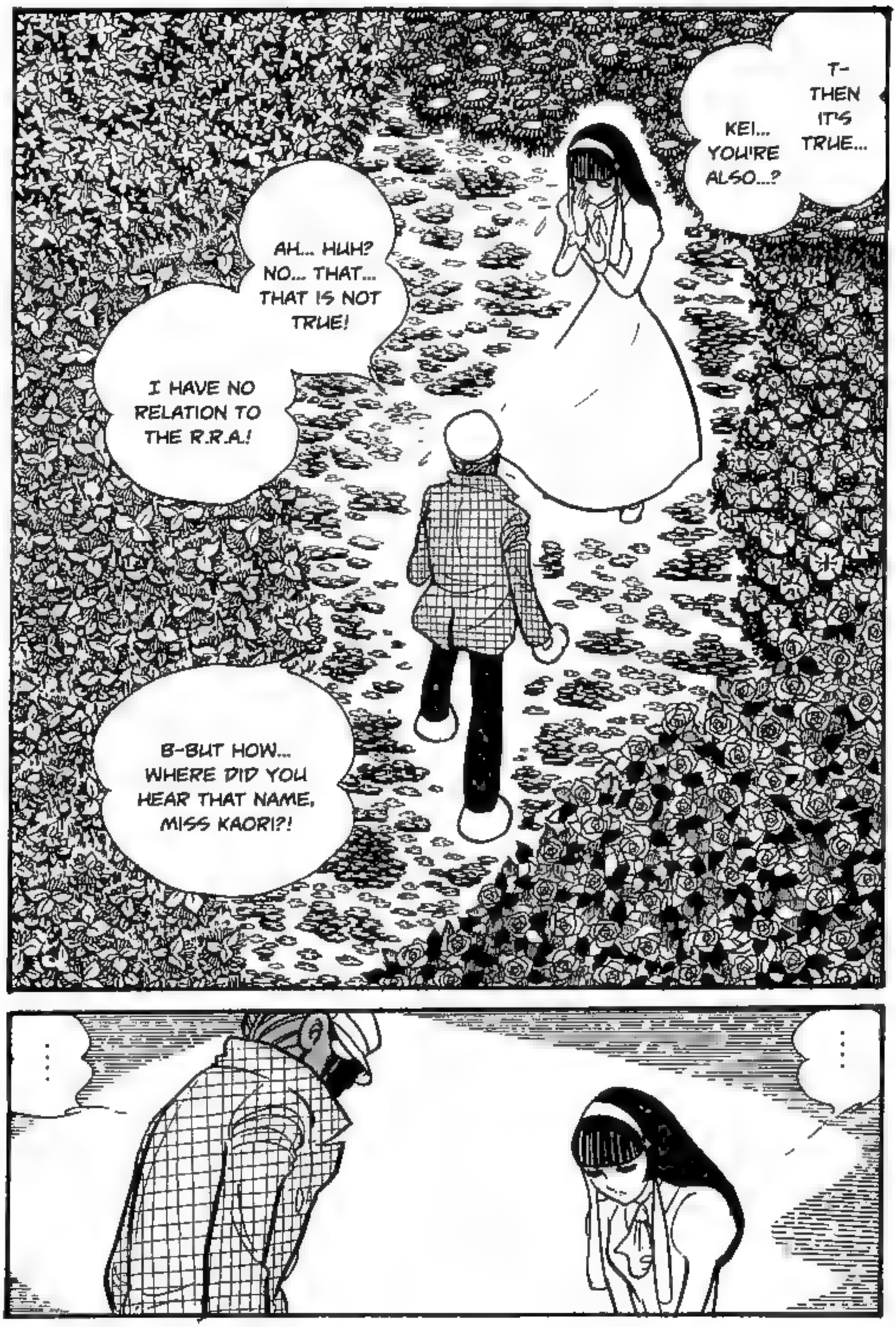
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT-?!


T-THEN IT'S TRUE...
KEI... YOU'RE ALSO...?
AH... HUH? NO... THAT... THAT IS NOT TRUE!
I HAVE NO RELATION TO THE R.R.A.!
B-BUT HOW... WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT NAME, MISS KAORI?!
.....
.....

THE R.R.A.?
...WHAT EXACTLY IS...
A GROUP WHERE YOU CAN HIRE ROBOTS TO DO EVIL THINGS...
R... ROBOT RENTAL ASSOCIA-TION...
AH...!!

MISS KAORI?!

M'LADY?!

W-WHO'S THERE?!

OH NO... SHE'S LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS!

WHAT... WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

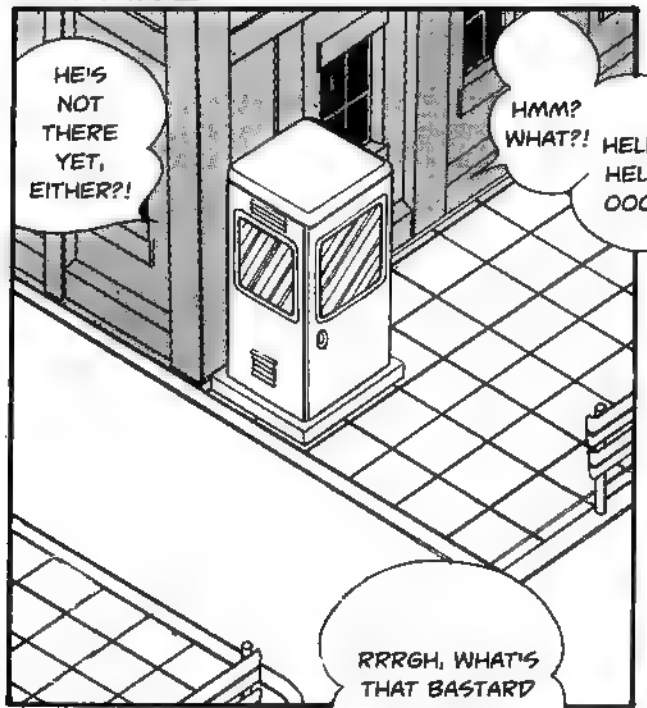
PLEASE, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

EEEEEEK!!

. . . .

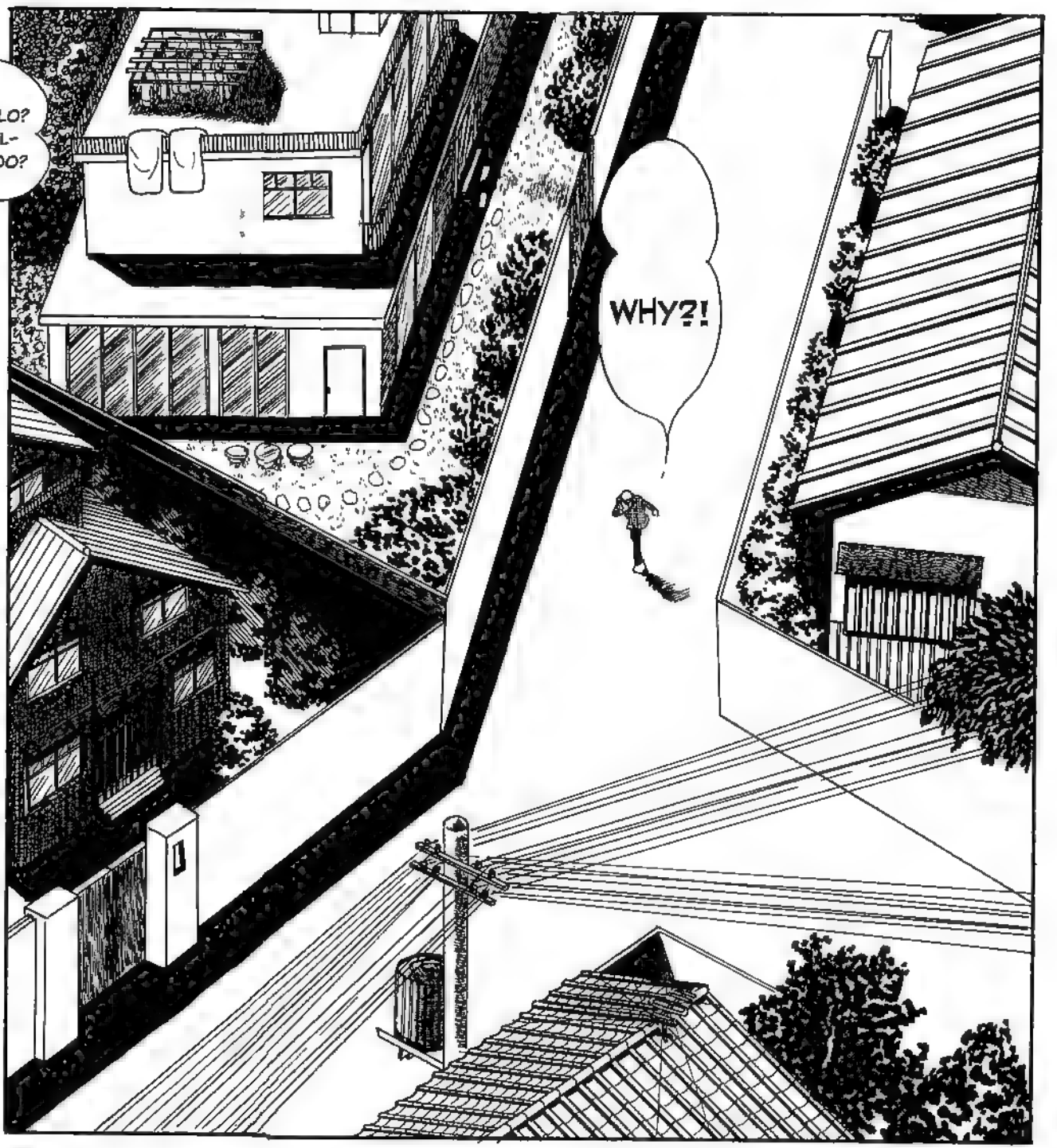
S-SOMEBODY !!!

KNOW ABOUT THE R.R.A.?!
WHY?!
WHY DOES MISS KAORI...


HE'S NOT THERE YET, EITHER?!
HMM? WHAT?!
HELLO? HELL-OOOO?

RRRGH, WHAT'S THAT BASTARD UP TO?!
IF K COMES BACK, HAVE HIM COME HERE RIGHT AWAY!
...CAN'T BE HELPED... YUMI, LISTEN TO ME!

I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HIM!
...YEAH, OKAY! I UNDER-STAND!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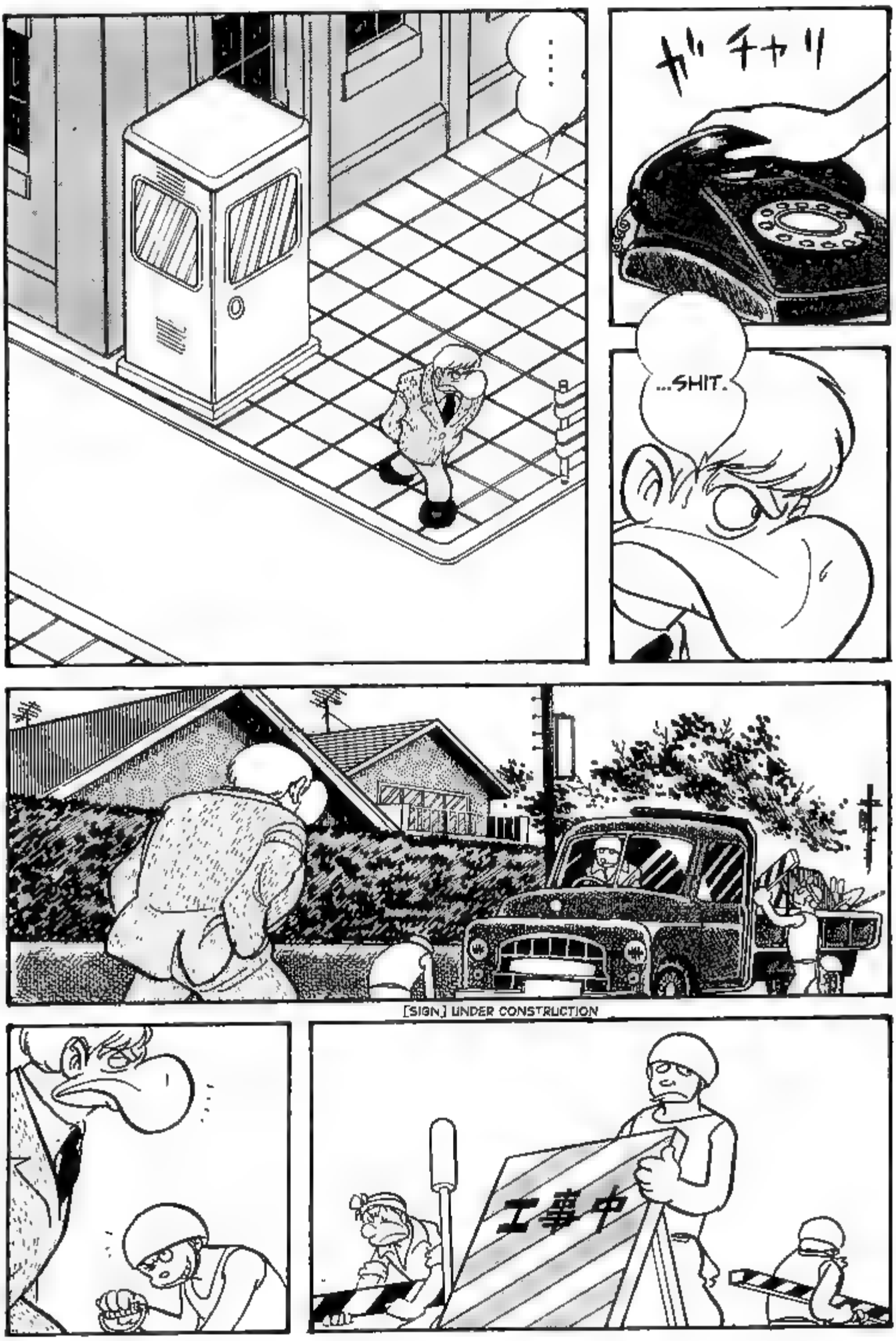
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...SHIT.
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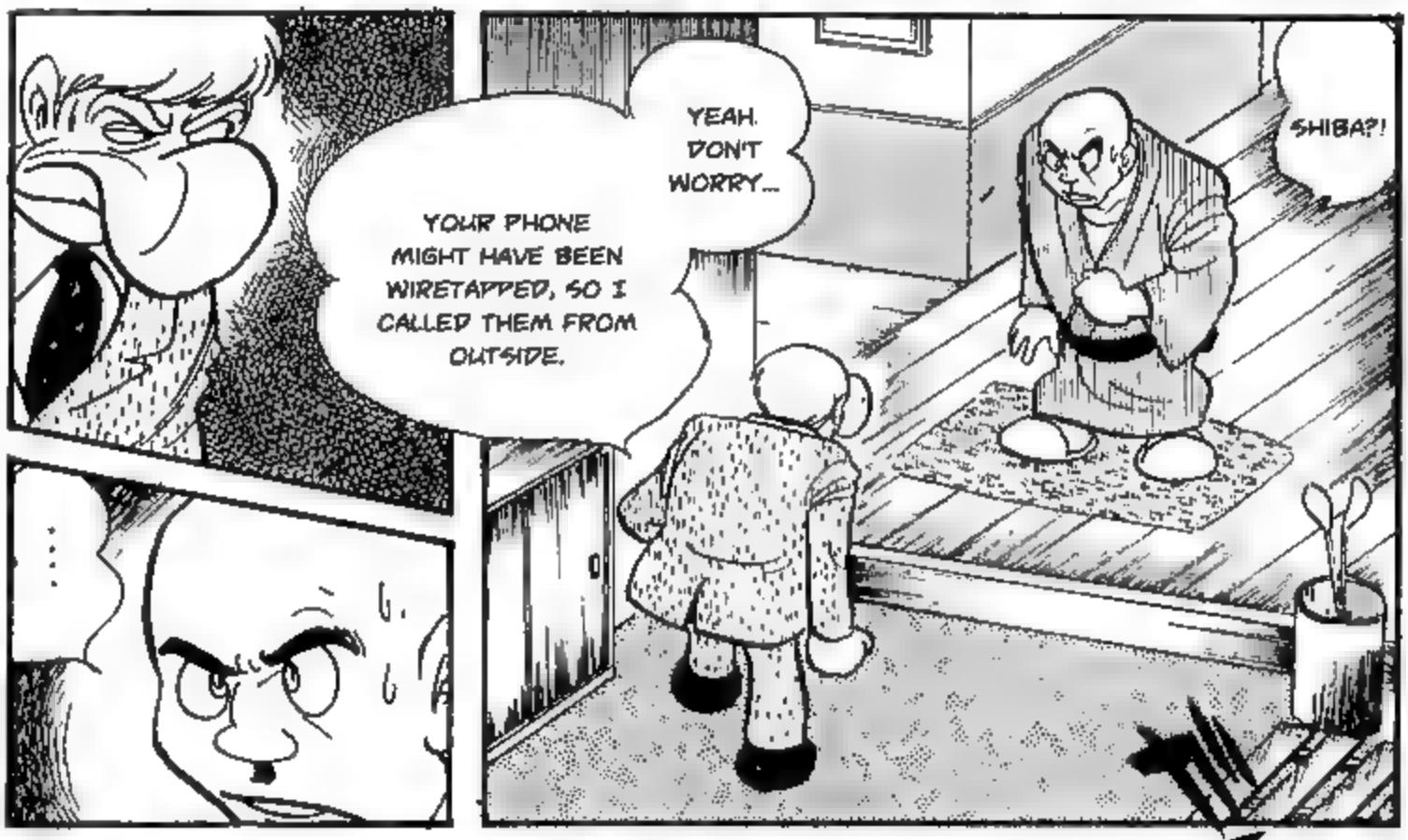
WE'RE THE NEIGH-BORHOOD GARBAGE COLLEC-TOR'S...
UMMM... DON'T BE ALARMED...


YOUR PHONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN WIRETAPPED, SO I CALLED THEM FROM OUTSIDE.
YEAH. DON'T WORRY...
SHIBA?!
....

WE'RE HERE TO DO YOUR LAUNDRY!
WE'RE WITH MIKA-WAYA DRY CLEANING...
'ELLO.

...MR. SHIBA!

IT'S LIKE A CRAPPY COSTUME PARTY OUT THERE!

SHEESH... IT'S GOOD THAT THEY CAME UP WITH DISGUISES SO QUICK, BUT...

TIMES LIKE THIS, WE REALLY DO NEED K AROUND TO...

THE WAY THEY LOOK WOULD JUST GIVE AWAY THAT THEY'RE DETECTIVES, ANYWAY!

SO UNRE-LIABLE...

SO FOR THE TIME BEING, WE'VE SET UP THE TAPE RECORDER!

MR. SHIBA, THERE WASN'T ANYTHING UNUSUAL DONE TO MR. AOTA'S PHONES...

SINCE WHEN DID I START RELYING ON K?

...SHIT...

DAMMIT... WHERE'D THAT HUNK OF JUNK DISAPPEAR TO?!

...I SEE.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS BEFORE HE SHOWS UP... NGH...

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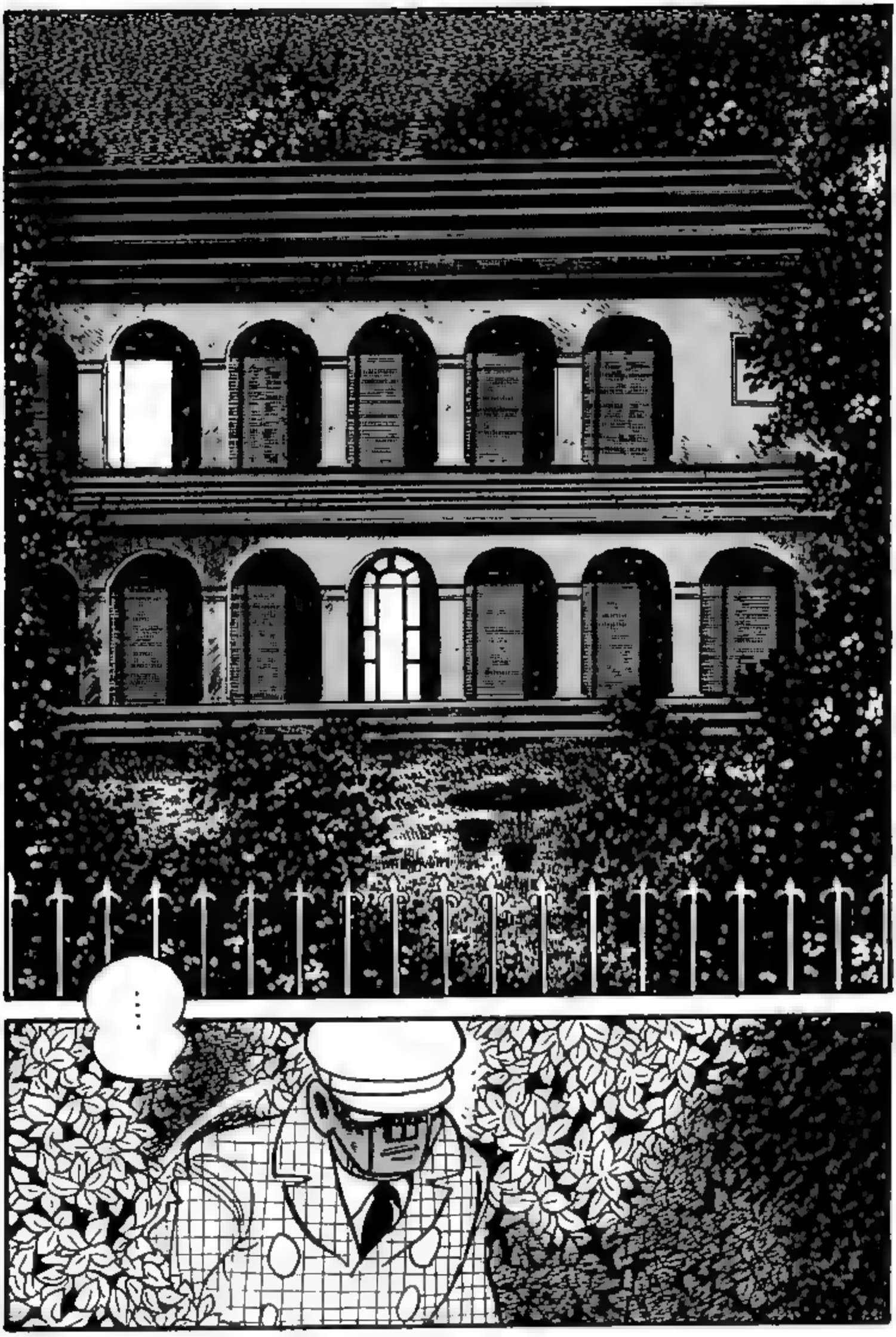


I HAVE TO STAND WATCH HERE, JUST TO MAKE SURE!!

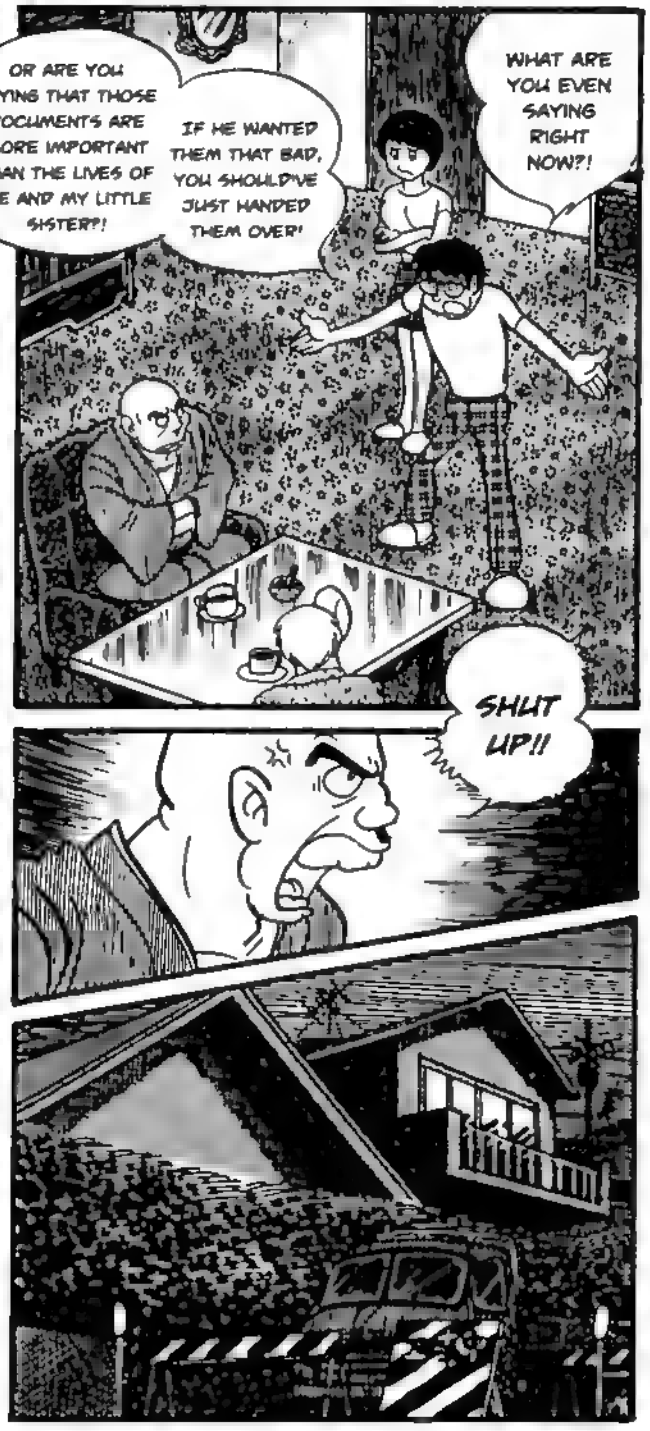
IF MISS KAORI KNOWS THE NAME "R.R.A."...

THEN IT MEANS SOMEONE IN THAT HOUSE...

HAD TO HAVE SAID IT WITHIN EARSHOT OF HER!

...FATHER...

DAD!!


WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING RIGHT NOW?!
IF HE WANTED THEM THAT BAD, YOU SHOULD'VE JUST HANDED THEM OVER!
OR ARE YOU SAYING THAT THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LIVES OF ME AND MY LITTLE SISTER?!
SHUT UP!!

HUH?!
OH?!
W-WHAT THE?!
WHAT HAPPEN-ED?!
I-I DON'T KNOW!! THE TRUCK JUST SUDDENLY...
EX-PLODED OUT OF NOWHERE !!
HMM?!
MR. SHI-BA!!

T-THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, DAD!!
T... THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU!!
AHH!!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO KILLED MY LITTLE SISTER!!!
N... NNGH...
N... NO... NO!!
T... THIS WAS.
I BLEW IT!!!
EEEEEEEEK
...AH! OH NO!!
THE TRUCK EXPLOD-ING...
WAS JUST A DISTRACTION!!
All is as we agreed.
The first is now dead.
I hope you will value your only son's life more than this.
-Jackel

T-THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!

SHIBA!! IT WAS YOU!!

YOU... YOU TOLD ME TO TRUST YOU TO GUARD THEM...

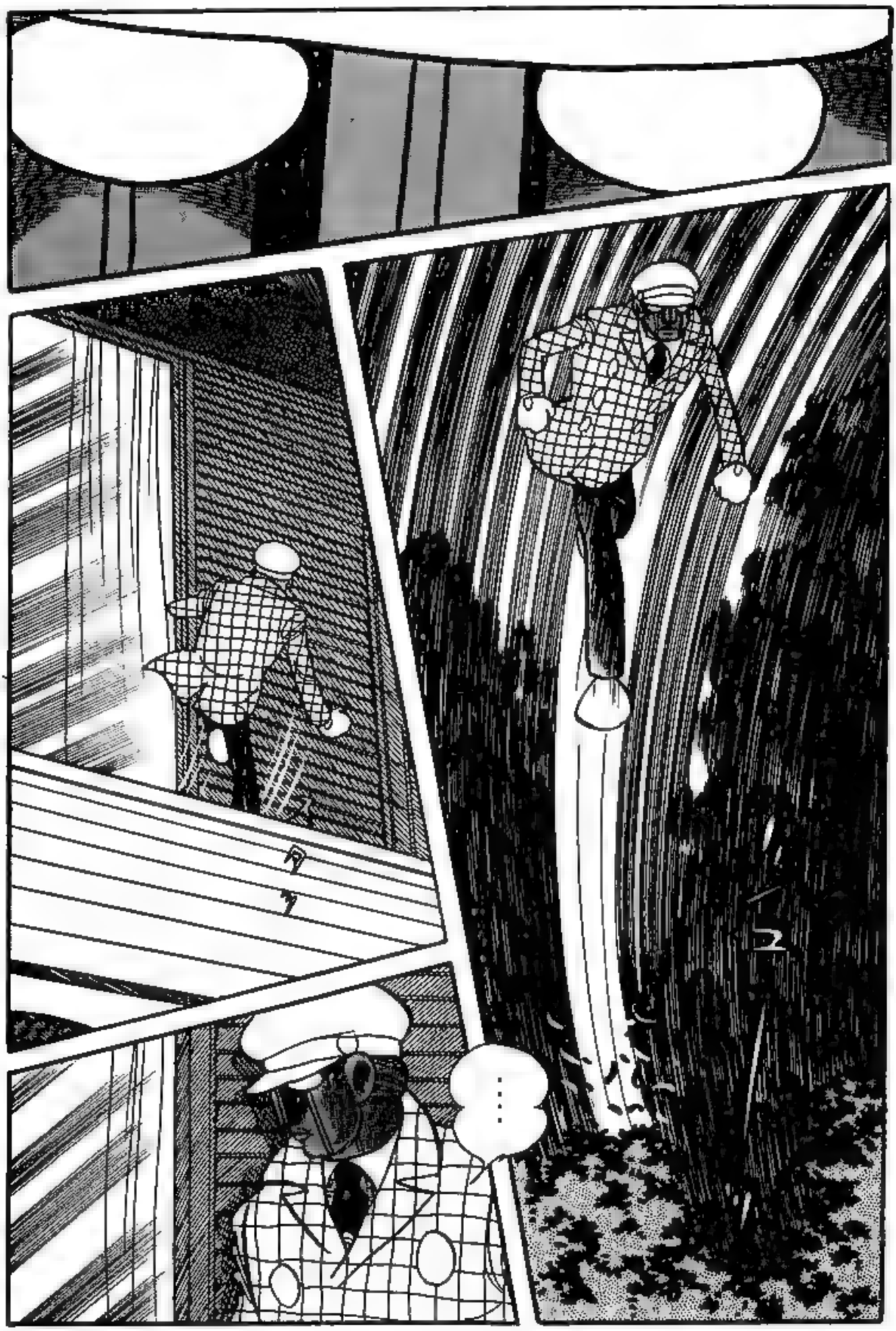
A-AND I BELIEVED EVERY WORD OF IT!

THAT'S WHY I LEFT IT ALL TO YOU!!

AND YET, THIS HAPPENED ANYWAY!!!

N...

NNN-GHH...



..WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN.

17-YEAR-OLD AOTA HIROKO WAS FOUND MURDERED AT AROUND 10:30 THIS EVENING.

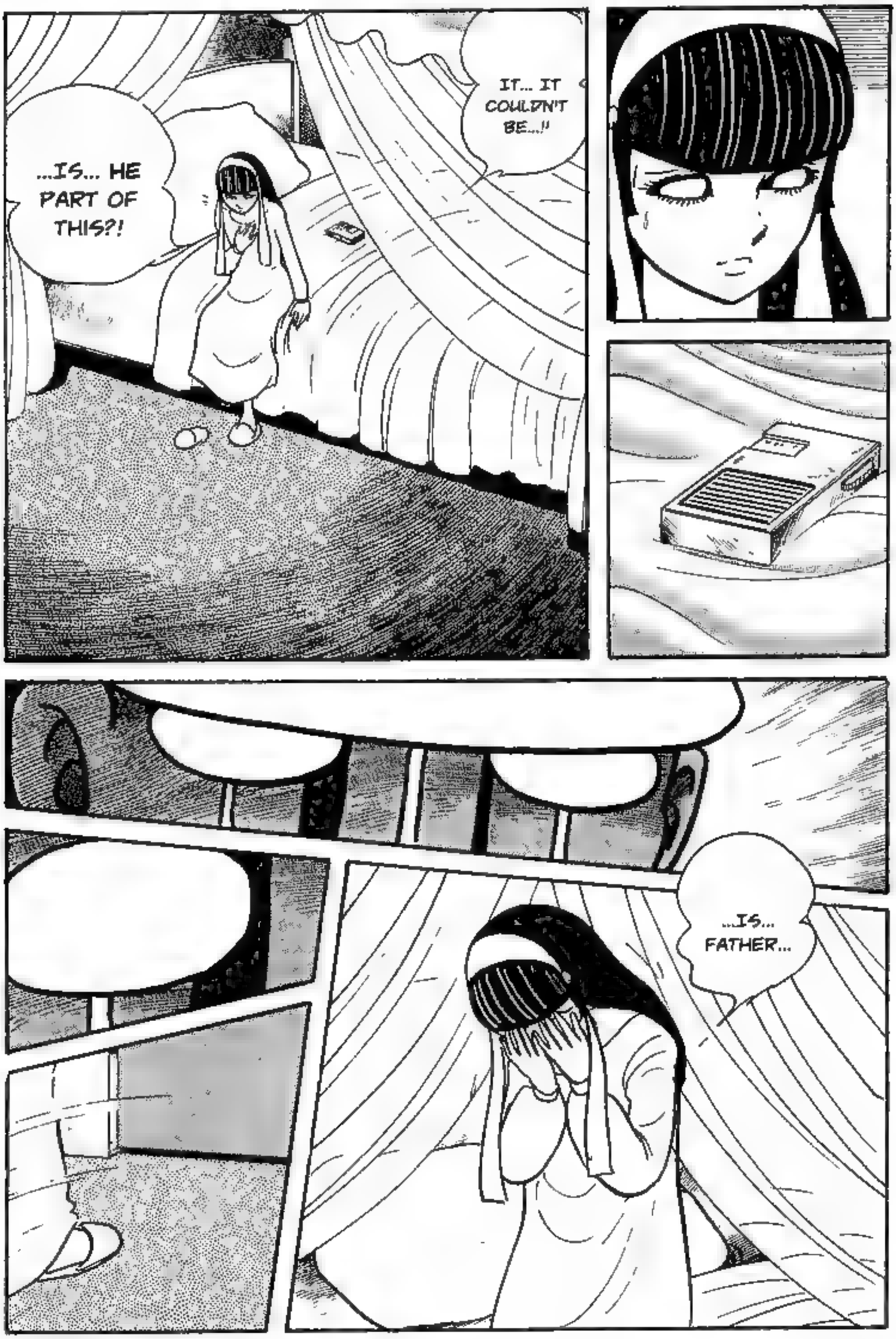
THE DAUGHTER OF AOTA HIROZOU, PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE SHAMEI PARTY..

.....!!

CLICK

AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THIS CRIME WAS RELATED TO THE POLITICS BETWEEN-

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE CULPRIT OF THIS MURDER IS THE SAME AS THE CULPRIT BEHIND YESTERDAY'S MURDER AT THE SHAMEI PARTY'S HEADQUARTERS.


...IS... HE PART OF THIS?!
IT... IT COULDN'T BE...!!
...IS... FATHER...

NURSE!

NUUURSE !!

PLEASE...

CALL HIM HERE!!

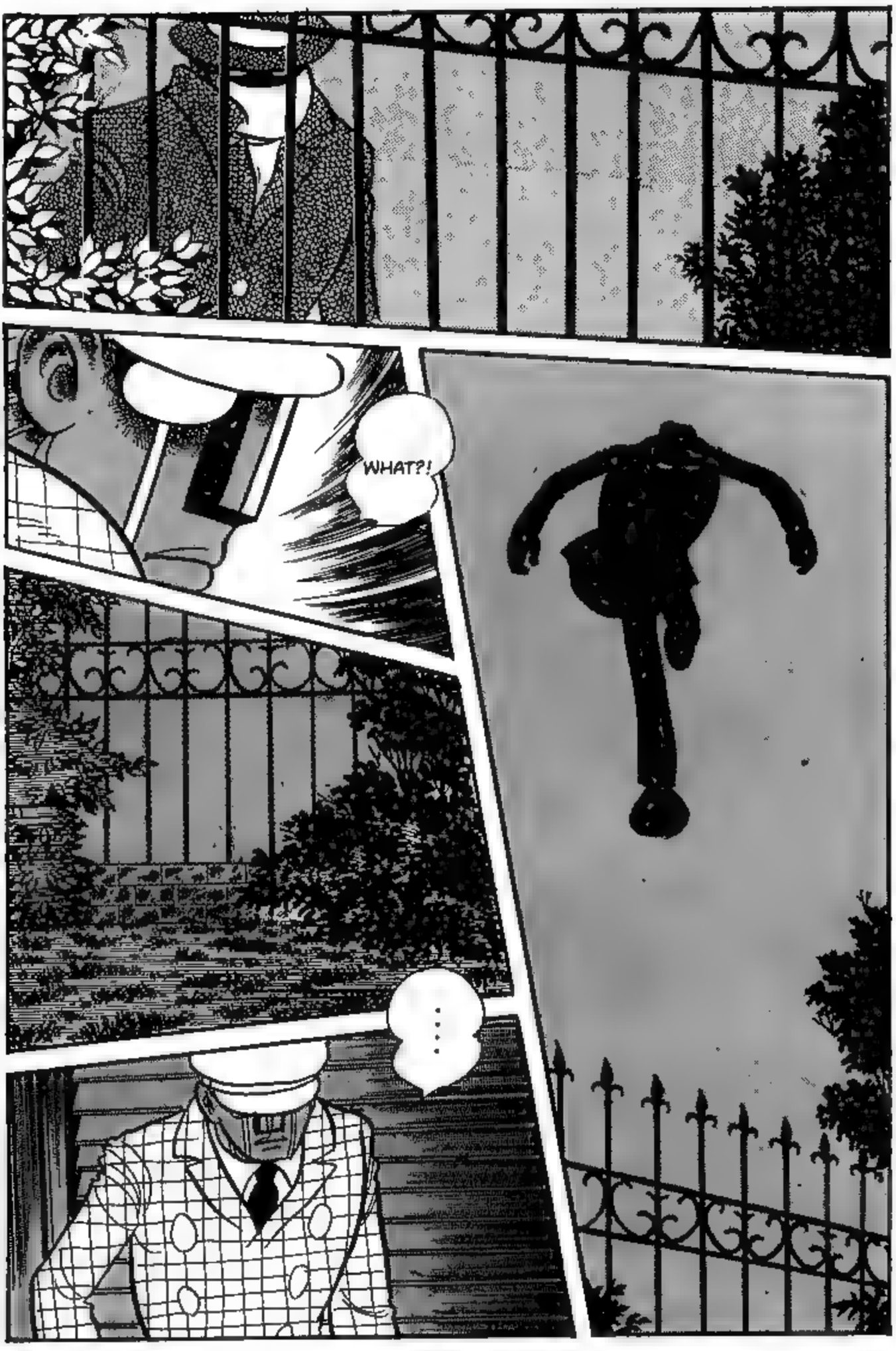
N-NURSE... WHERE IS FATHER...?!

OH MY! WHAT HAPPENED, M'LADY?

ARE YOU STILL AWAKE...?!

YES, OKAY... HE JUST CAME HOME A BIT AGO...

I'LL GO CALL FOR HIM.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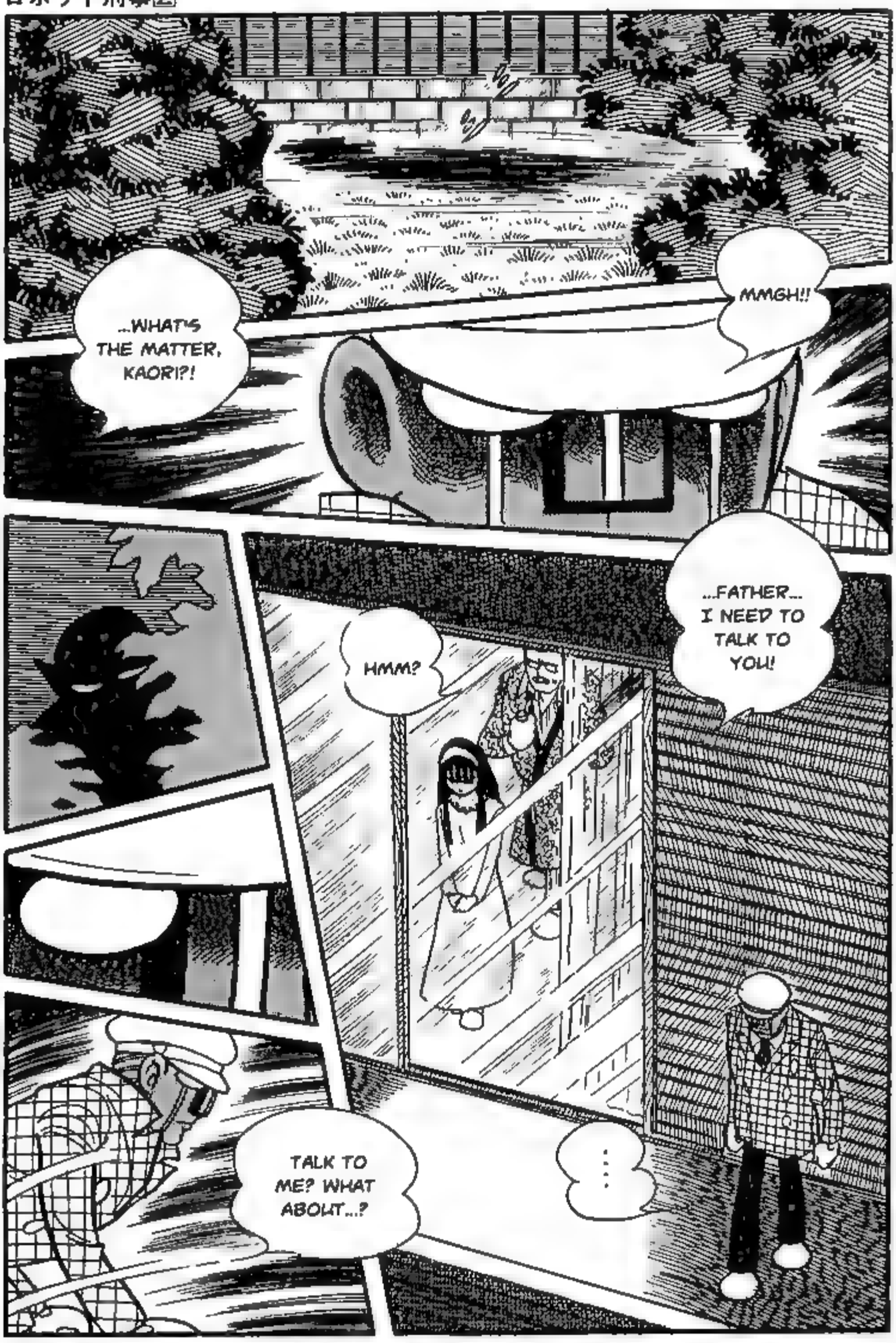

...WHAT'S THE MATTER, KAORI?!
MMGH!!
HMM?
...FATHER... I NEED TO TALK TO YOU!
TALK TO ME? WHAT ABOUT...?
...

...FATHER... PLEASE, ANSWER ME HONESTLY!
THE GUEST YOU HAD OVER THIS AFTER-NOON...
WHO EXACTLY WAS HE?!
T-THE AFTER-NOON?!
HMM... NOW, WHICH GUEST DO YOU MEAN... YOUR FATHER DOES HAVE A LOT OF GUESTS OVER, YOU KNOW...

THE ONE WITH THE GLOVES AND MASK!!

O... OH, THAT ONE...

W-WHY, IS THERE ANY-THING WRONG WITH HIM?!

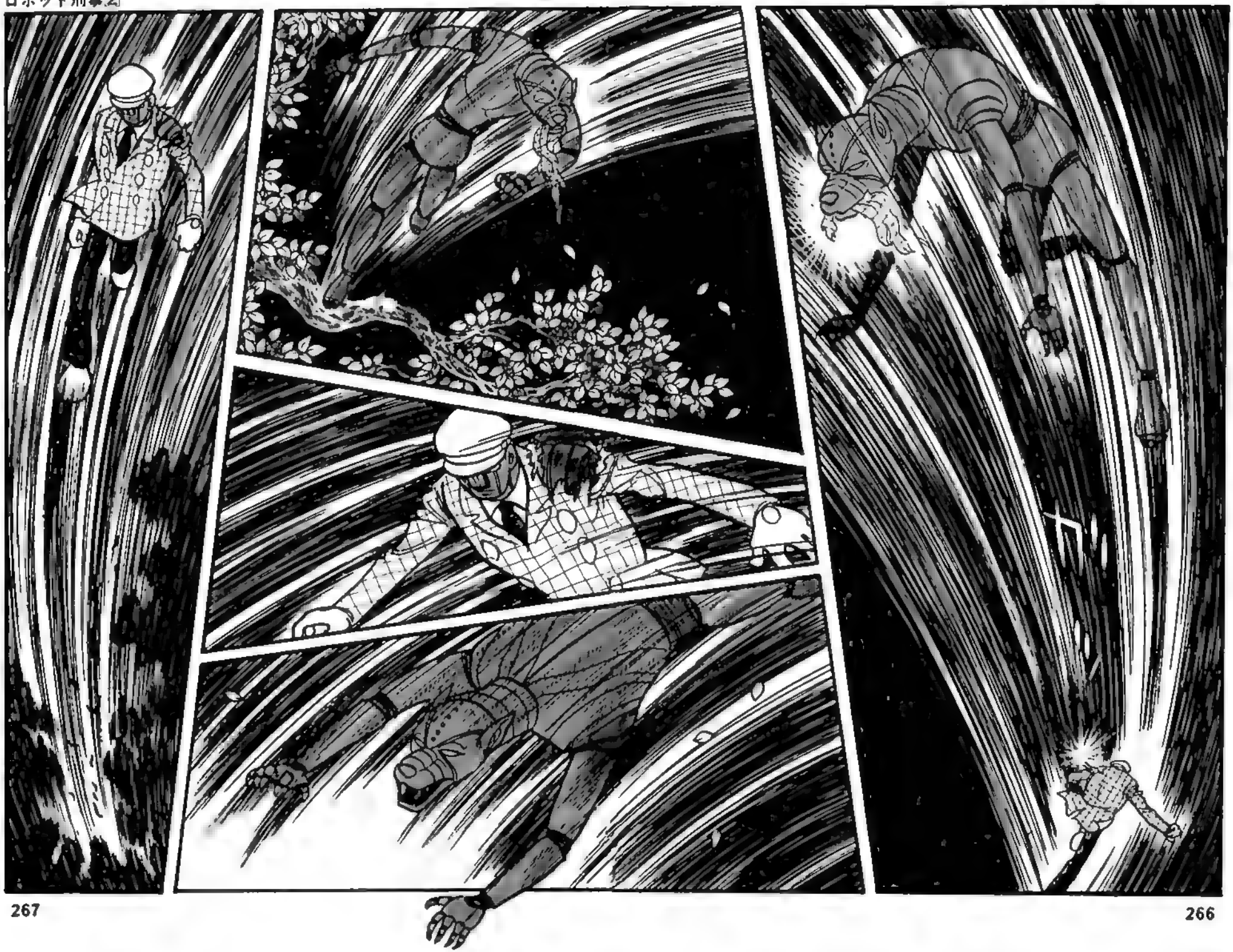
HOW ARE YOU AND THAT MAN RELATED, FATHER?!

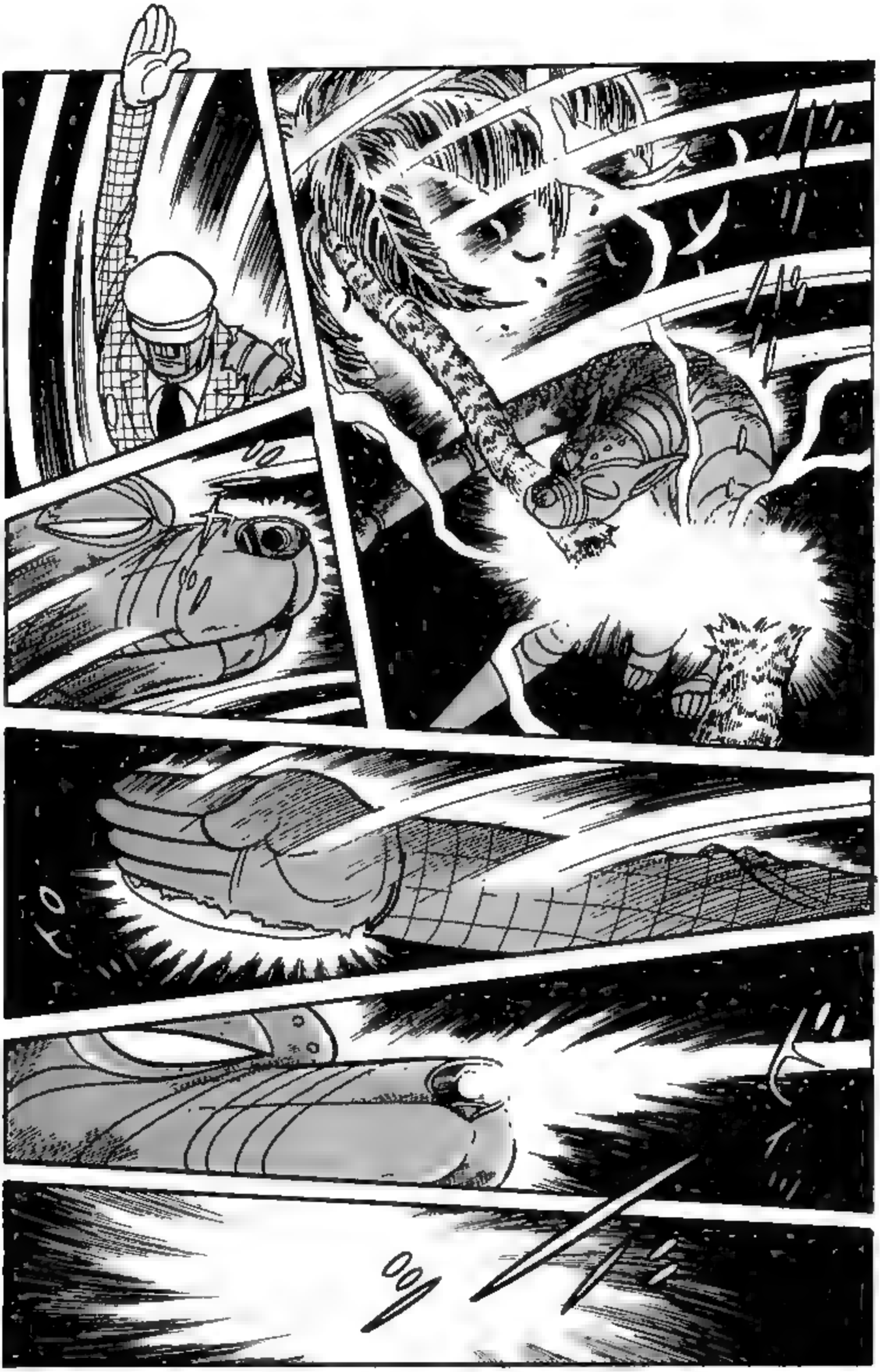
AH.. WELL, HE'S JUST... RELATED TO MY JOB, SO...

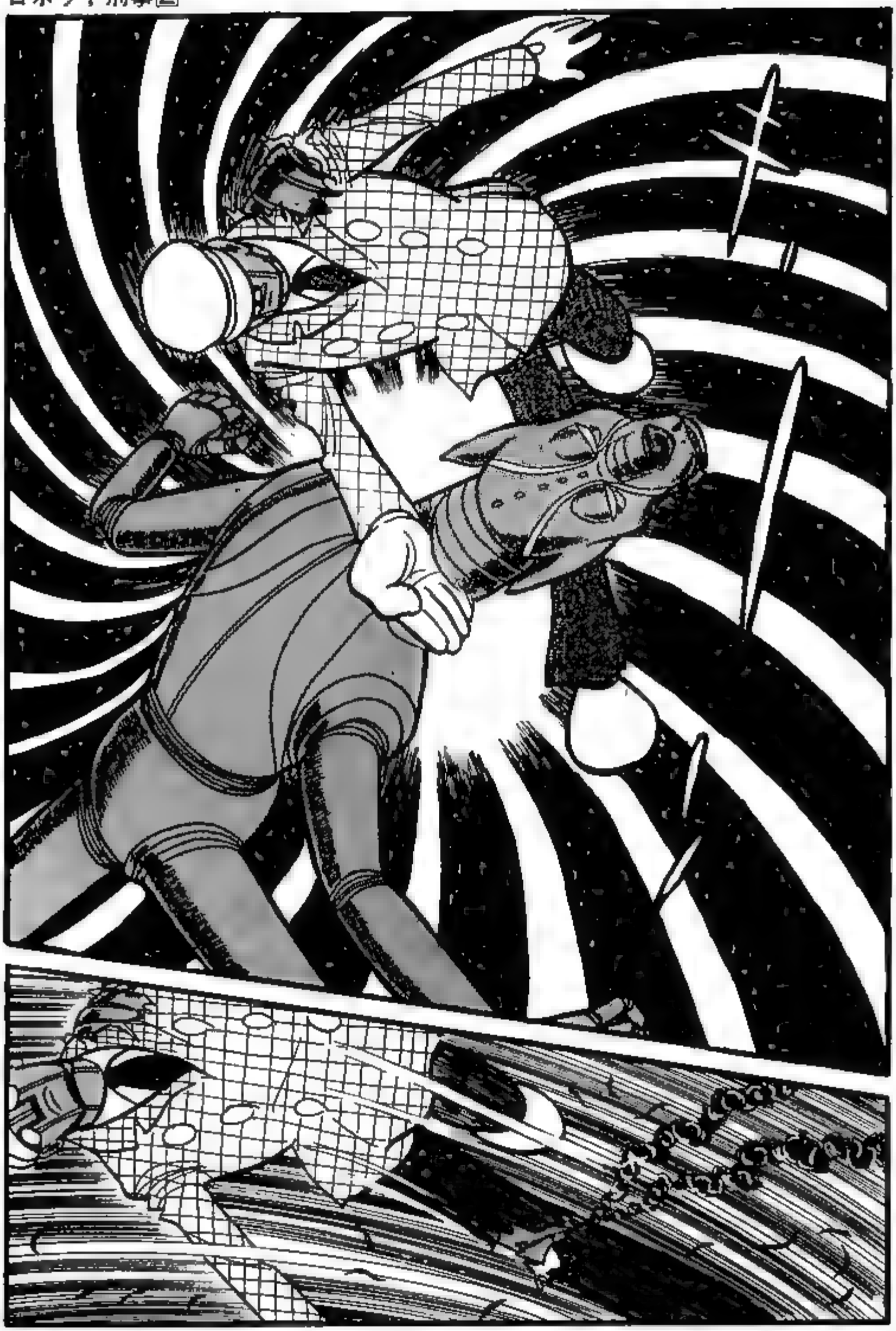
...AND IS YOUR JOB... TO... KILL PEOPLE?!

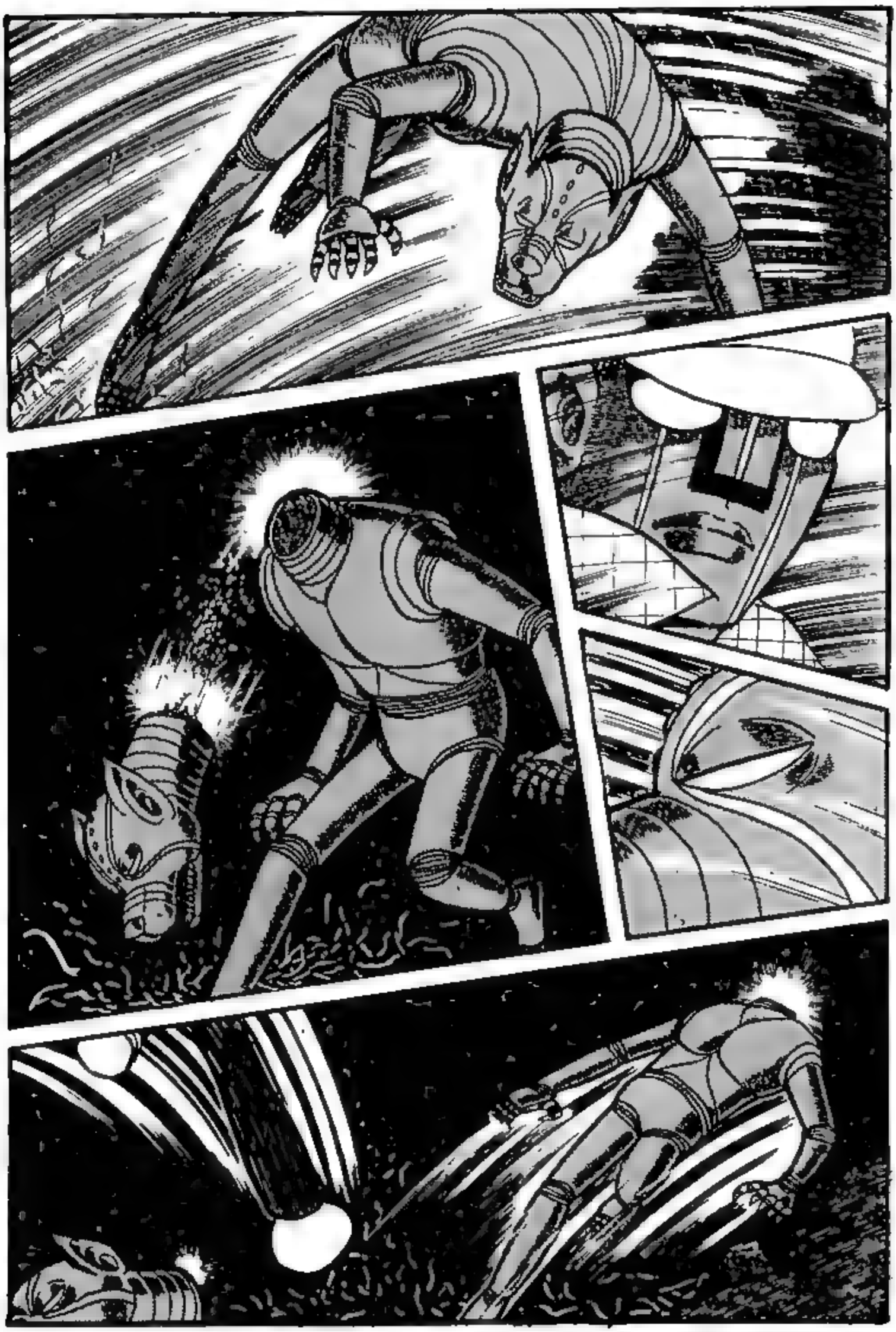
WHAT?!

F-FATHER... I... I HEARD IT!
I HEARD WHAT YOU WERE SAYING!!









YOU'RE A LIAR, FATHER!! YOU'RE A LIAR!!

G-GROWN-UP TALK...

TALK ABOUT WORK BETWEEN TWO MEN...

K-KAORI... T-THAT WAS... WELL...

WOULD DO ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU HAPPINESS... NO MATTER WHAT JOB I HAD TO TAKE...

IT'S A DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD OUT THERE... KILL OR BE KILLED...

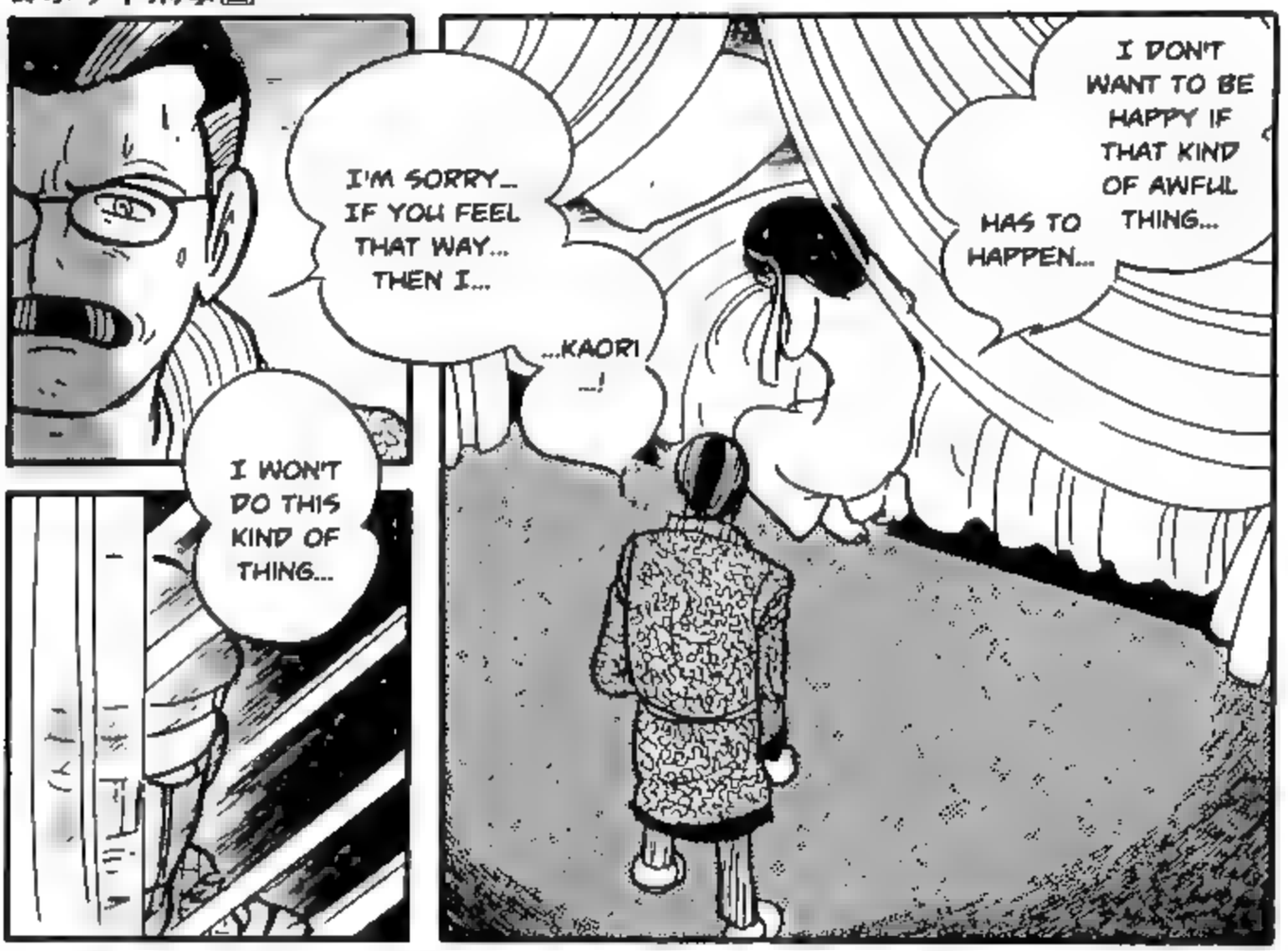
AND I...

NO, NO, NO!!!

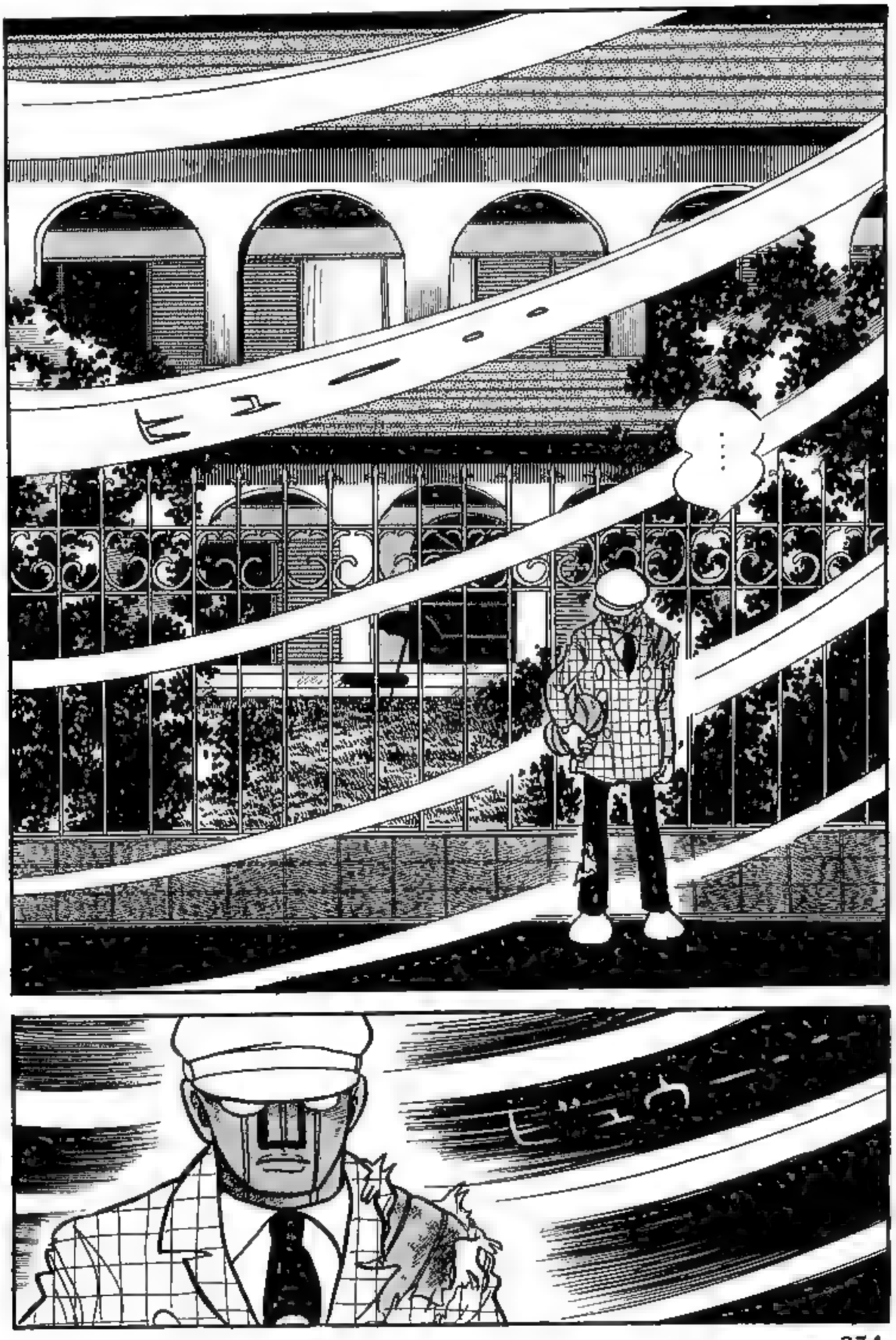
NO!

Y... YOU...

...I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO THAT KIND OF SCARY THING FOR ME...


I'M SORRY... IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY... THEN I...
I WON'T DO THIS KIND OF THING...
...KAORI ...!
I DON'T WANT TO BE HAPPY IF THAT KIND OF AWFUL THING... HAS TO HAPPEN...

KAORI...
I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS... EVER AGAIN!!
FATHER... FATHER...!!



W-WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE INJURIES?!
OH, K! WHERE...
HE'S STILL WORKING ON A CASE...
AH! RIGHT! HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU TO GO RIGHT TO WHERE THIS PHONE BOOTH IS AS SOON AS YOU CAME BACK!
...WHERE IS MR. SHIBA?

AH... WAIT UP, SIS!

I THINK HE JUST CAME BACK!

YOU BASTA-AARD!!

WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?!

BECAUSE OF YOU, ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ROBOT BAS-TARDS...

DAD...!!

...K!!

...

!

ONE OF YOUR FILTHY, OILY FRIENDS KILLED... SOME... ONE...

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE ROBOT AOTA WAS TALKING ABOUT, BUT...

W-WHAT'S WITH THE HEAD...?!

THE LOCA-TION...

I CANNOT TELL YOU THE LOCATION QUITE YET...

AH... YES...

HEY! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?!

THAT KINDA THING. . THAT SORT OF THING DOESN'T MATTER RIGHT NOW!!

NNGH...

NO... SAVE IT!

?

DON'T ACT SO IMPORTANT!! JUST TELL ME! WHERE?!

IDIOT!!!

Y-YOU CAN'T TELL ME?!

UM... WELL...

EVEN IF YOU TAKE ONE DOWN, THEY'LL JUST MAKE ANOTHER ONE IN ITS PLACE!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THOSE MACHINES ARE DESTROYED... IT WON'T ANSWER A GODDAMN THING!!

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...

WHO WILL TAKE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR MISSION! WE HAVE TO FIND THEIR CREATOR!!

WE HAVE TO FIND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE R.R.A. THAT CREATES THESE EMOTIONLESS ROBOTS...

K!!

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT YOUR MOTHER KNOWS WHERE THE R.R.A. IS!!

I HAVE TO SQUEEZE THAT INFOR-MATION OUT OF HER!!

SO TAKE ME TO WHERE SHE IS, RIGHT AWAY!!

BUT... MOTHER IS...

WE'RE HEADING OUT RIGHT NOW! GET READY!!

IF WE DON'T FIND THEIR BOSS... CASES LIKE THIS WILL KEEP HAPPENING FOREVER!!

W... WHAT?!

YOUR MOTHER DEFINITELY KNOWS!!

THE REASON BEING...

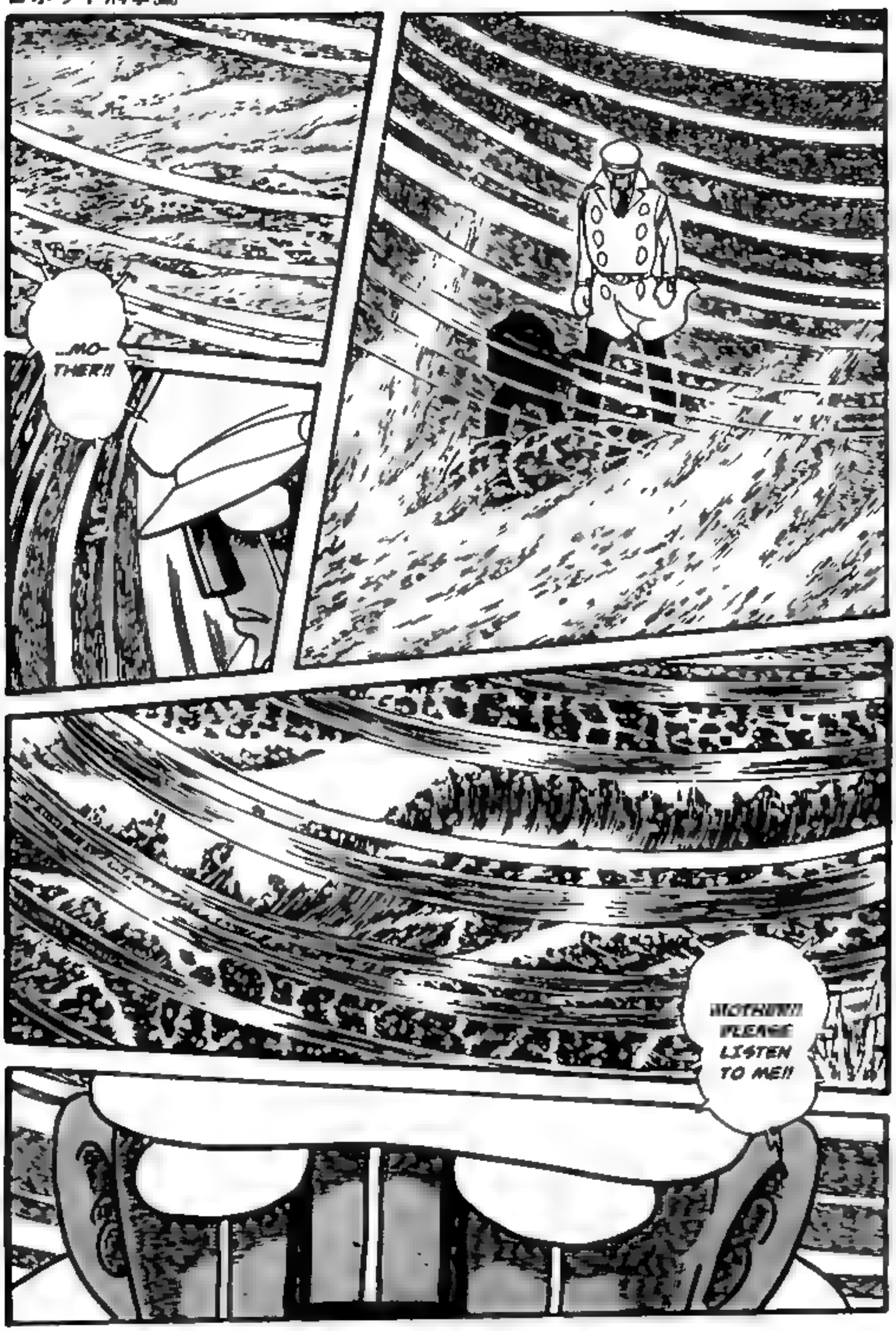
THE BOSS OF THE R.R.A.... IS YOUR MOTHER'S LITTLE BROTHER!!

...WE'RE COMING THROUGH A TYPHOON.

...I'M NOT MAKING IT UP

YOUR MOTHER IS REIKO...
HAD TWO CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER NAMED REIKO AND A SON NAMED RYUUJI.
THE BRILLIANT ROBOTICIST DR KIRISHIMA AND HIS EQUALLY TALENTED WIFE...
AND HER YOUNGER BROTHER RYUUJI...
BECAME THE BOSS OF THE R.R.A.!!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE COAST OF KAZENO... IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
I... I WILL TRY CALLING OUT TO HER...
BUT... I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER MOTHER WILL ANSWER ME...
HEH! SHE DEFINITELY WILL!
AND IF SHE DOESN'T, JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HER LITTLE BROTHER!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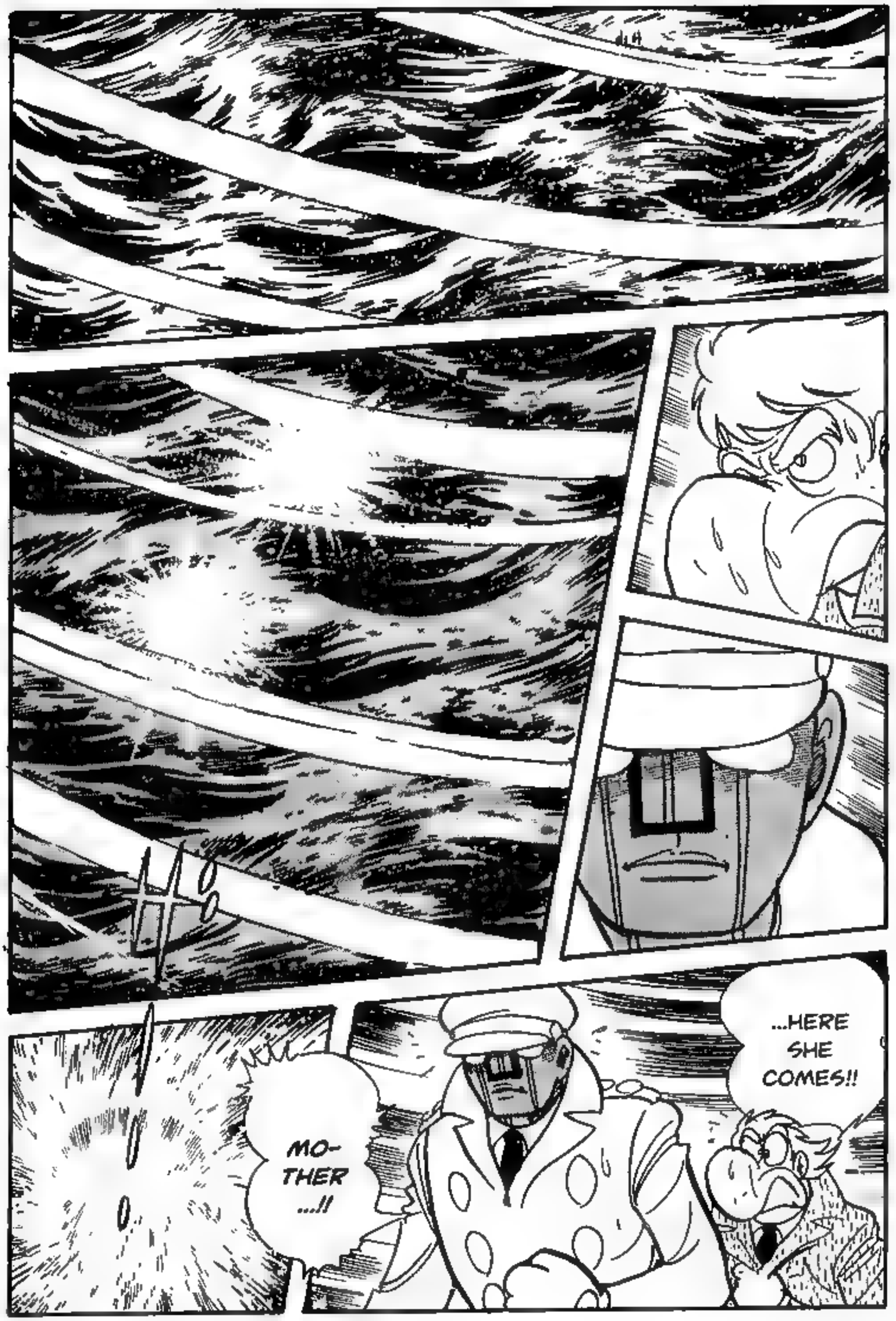
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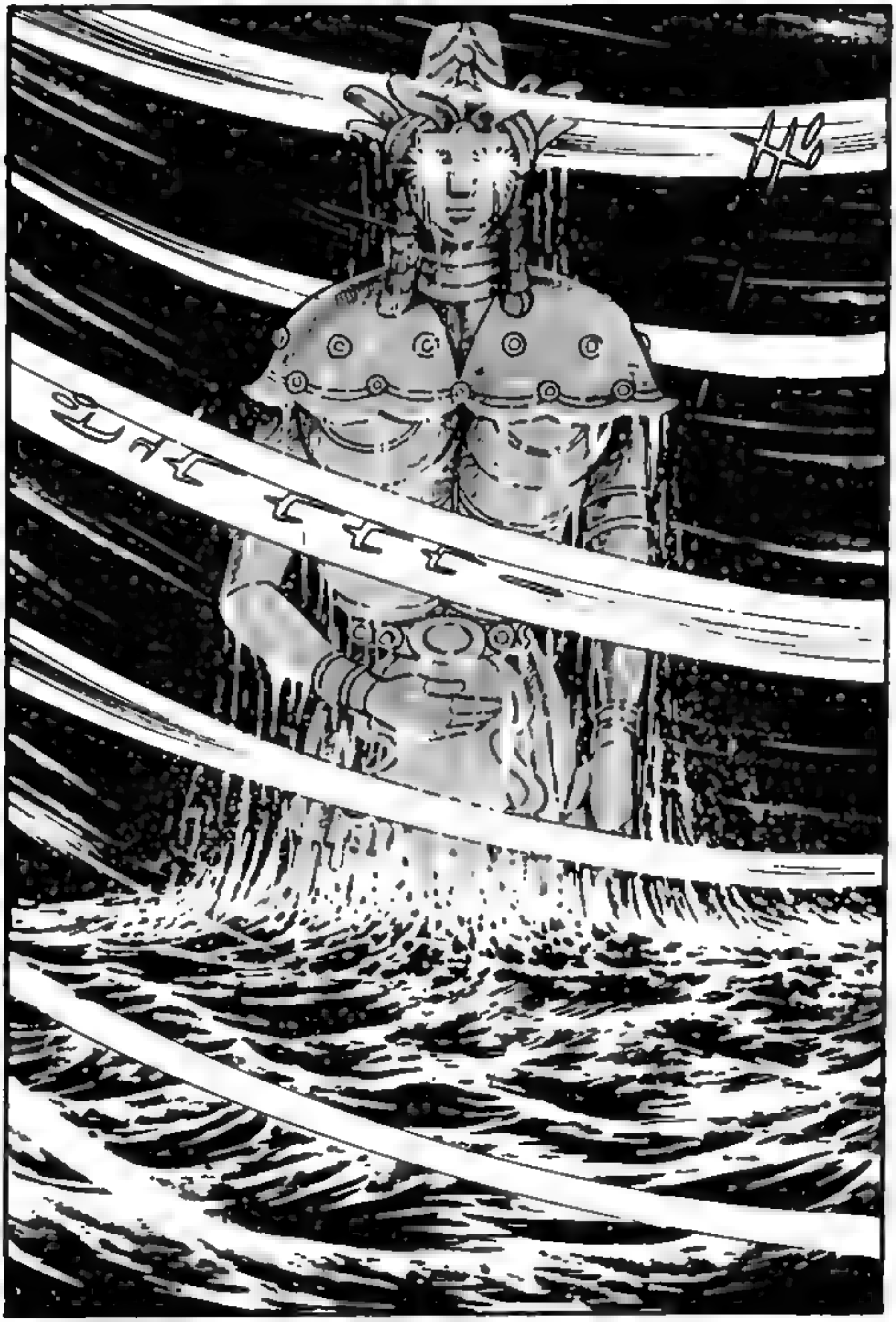


I... I THOUGHT YOU'D EVENTUALLY FIND OUT ABOUT... RYUUJI...
...RYU-UJI...
B... BUT I... I JUST... I COULDN'T TELL YOU MYSELF!!
RYUUJI... THE REASON HE TURNED OUT THE WAY HE DID...

WAS, IN A WAY, BECAUSE OF ME!
HATING THE WORLD... HATING HUMANS... ALL OF THAT...
AND DIED BECAUSE OF IT...!
THEY REFUSED TO CREATE ROBOTS TO USE IN THE WAR... AND WERE LABELED AS TRAITORS BY THEIR OWN COUNTRY.
I TOLD HIM THAT OUR MOTHER AND FATHER DIED BECAUSE OF WAR... AND TORTURE.
RYUUJI WAS SO SMALL... I SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT HIM TO LOVE, RATHER THAN TO HATE!!
WELL... THAT MIGHT REALLY BE THE TRUTH, BUT...
AND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE!
I MADE AN AWFUL, DECISIVE MISTAKE WITH HIM...
I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR HIS OWN GOOD... I TOLD HIM A WHITE LIE...

BUT IT PROBABLY CAUSED RYUUJI TO HATE HUMANS MORE THAN EVER!
T... THIS BURN ON MY FACE... IS FROM WHEN RYUUJI WAS TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER IT...
HE MANAGED TO DO THIS TO ME...
WITH A LIGHT SWITCH!

SO... SO I TOLD HIM... IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE TORTURE...!

I COULDN'T LET HIM THINK HE'D DONE SOMETHING SO AWFUL...

BUT .. I COULDN'T TELL RYUUJI ABOUT IT!

ALL MY WELL-INTEN-TIONED, WHITE LIES...

IT'S SO IRONIC...

RAISED SO MUCH HATRED IN THAT CHILD'S HEART!!

...I SEE...

.....

IF NOT, EVEN MORE INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE KILLED BY YOUR BROTHER!!

I NEED YOU TO TELL ME, NO MATTER WHAT!

BUT...

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL!

FIVE YEARS AGO, RYUUJI RAN AWAY FROM HERE, IGNORING ALL MY ATTEMPTS TO STOP HIM... AND HE HASN'T RETURNED SINCE.

BUT I SWEAR, IT'S THE TRUTH!

..Y-YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE THIS...

SO EVEN IF YOU ASK ME WHERE HE IS... I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO IDEA.

Y.. YOU MEAN WE CAME ALL THIS WAY...

NO MATTER WHAT HIS REASONS ARE, WHAT RYUUJI IS DOING IS SIMPLY UNFORGIVABLE!

NO!

I'VE DECIDED...

TO... TURN HIMSELF IN...!!

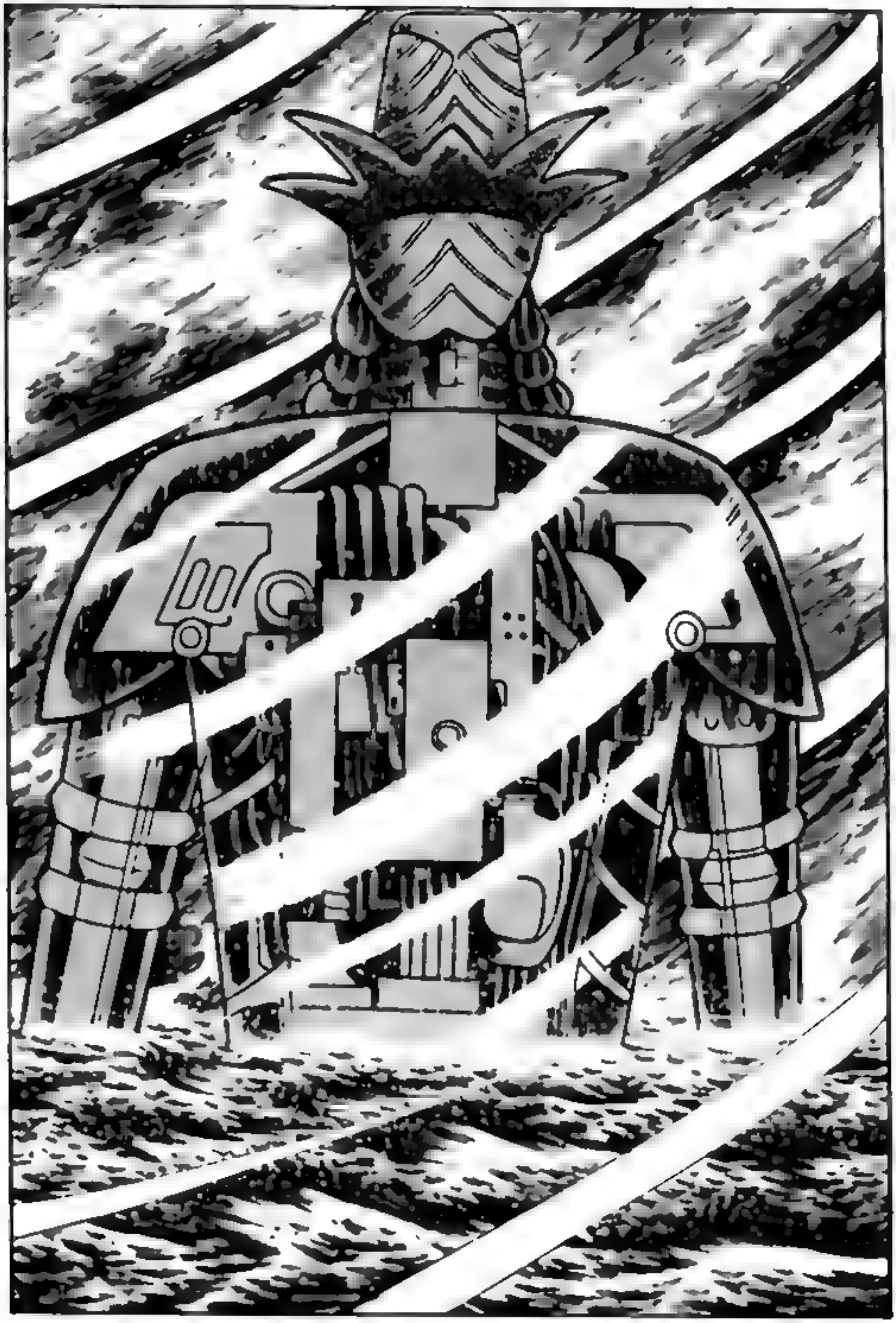
I... I WILL SEARCH, TOO.

I WILL SEARCH WHERE I THINK HE COULD BE... AND TRY AND PERSUADE RYUUJI...

.....
I WAS TRYING TO ATONE FOR MY BROTHER'S SINS... EVEN IF ONLY A LITTLE BIT.
BY SENDING K TO THE POLICE...
ARE... ARE YOU CRYING, K?!
...K?
K!!
HEH... HEH-HEH
THIS GUY REALLY SEEMS TO HAVE MORE HUMAN EMOTIONS THAN HUMANS DO...

INSTEAD OF AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN... HE HAS A BRAIN CONSTRUCTED FROM MY MOTHER'S BRAIN CELLS... IT'S TRULY NO DIFFERENT FROM HER ACTUAL BRAIN!
K HAS... INSIDE K..
I... I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE...

WHAT DID YOU... SAY...?!
WHA... WHAT DID YOU SAY...?!
...MY SON... AND ARREST HIM?!
T... THEN... THEN MOTHER... YOU WANT ME TO FIND YOUR BROTHER...
I CAN'T... I CANNOT!! I CANNOT DO THAT!!



...NOW, THEN. SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE LITTLE BROTHER RYUUJI'S HIDEOUT IS...

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE THAT'LL HELP US GET ANY CLOSER TO FINDING IT!

AND THAT'S THE ROBOT HEAD YOU BROUGHT BACK WITH YOU!

WE'RE GONNA USE THAT HEAD TO SET UP AN INGENIOUS TRAP!

YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO! THAT'S... YOUR "MISSION"!

IT'S GONNA BE EVEN MORE PAINFUL FOR YOUR MOTHER, YOU KNOW!!

...THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN DO THAT...!!

THAT'S RIGHT! THEY SHOULD BE COMING TO GET THAT HEAD BACK OR SOMETHING...

...I CAN TELL YOU'RE A KIND PERSON.

FATHER... PLEASE STOP DOING SUCH AWFUL THINGS...

I... I UNDER-STAND... I SEE NOW, KAORI!!

FATHER ...!!

NO, MORE THAN THAT... IF WE CAN FIND THE CULPRIT WHO RENTED THAT ROBOT...

...
...YOU ALREADY KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT WAS... DON'T YOU, K?!
WE CAN USE THAT TO TOPPLE OVER THE REST OF THE DOMINOS OF THIS CASE!!
I CAN TELL YOU'RE A KIND PERSON, KEI.
I LOVE FATHER VERY MUCH...
I... I JUST... I CANNOT DO IT!!
I CAN'T! I CANNOT DO IT!!

WHAT A THING TO BE TOLD BY A MACHINE...

HEH... EH HEH HEH...

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HEARTBREAKING IT IS FOR A RELATIVE TO SUFFER!

M-MR... YOU HAVE NO IDEA, SHIBA!!

Y-YOU HAVE NOTHING IN YOUR HEAD BUT HOW TO CATCH THE NEXT CULPRIT... YOU'RE LIKE A MACHINE!!

YOU DIP-SHIT!!

K! FOR A MAN...

EVEN IF YOUR PARENTS OR CHILDREN DIE, YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DUTY!!

WHEN IT COMES TO A TIME LIKE THIS, THERE ARE THINGS HE HAS TO DO NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL AND SAD IT MIGHT BE!

THAT'S WHAT A JOB MEANS TO A MAN!!

HMM ...?!

...JUST WAIT HERE, I'LL BE BACK SOON!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD THEM TO LOCK UP THE HOUSE...

...!?

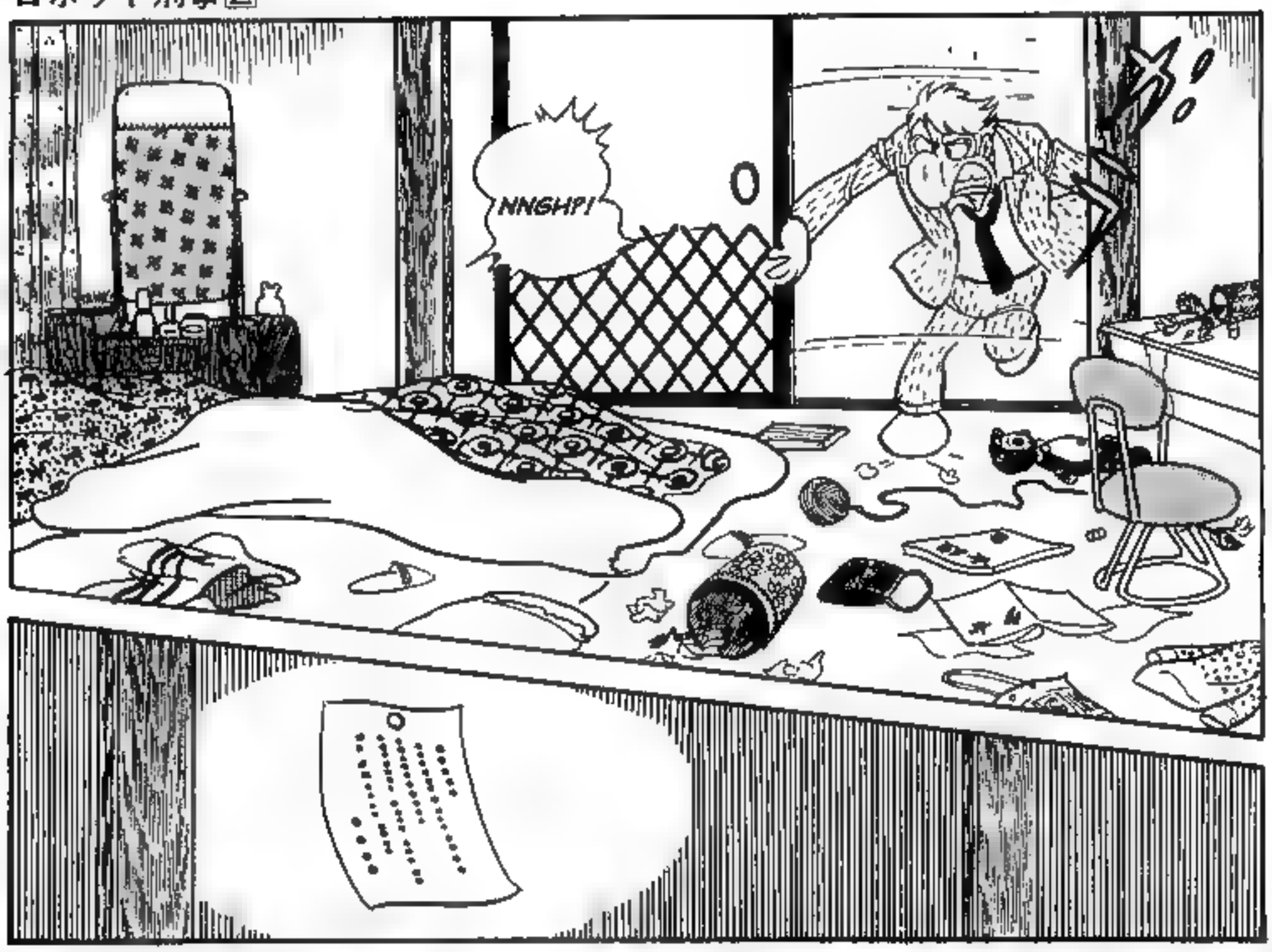
...NAMI?

YUMI...?!

NAMI...

WHERE ARE YOU?!

YUMI!!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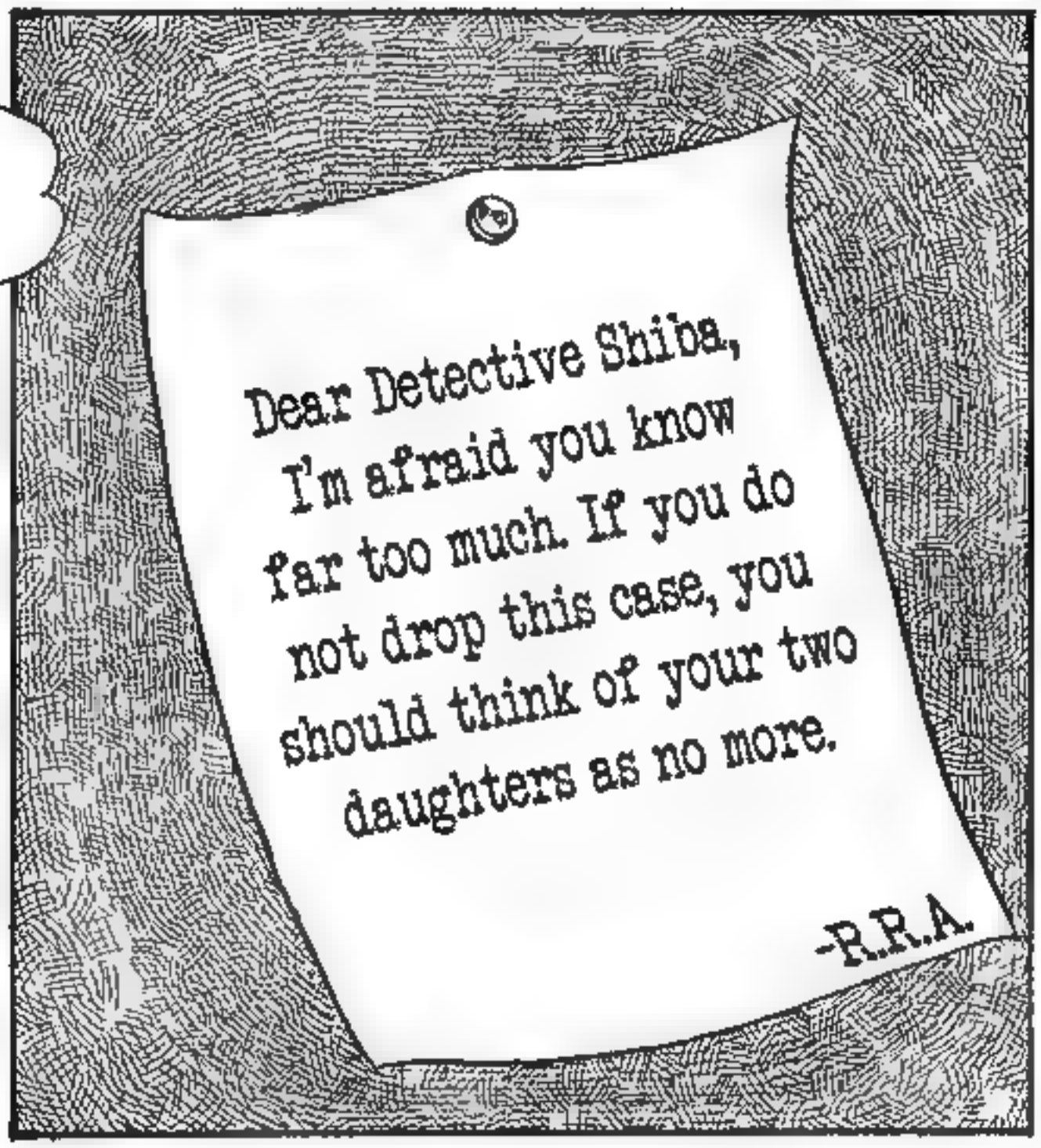

Dear Detective Shiba,
I'm afraid you know far too much. If you do not drop this case, you should think of your two daughters as no more.
-R.R.A.

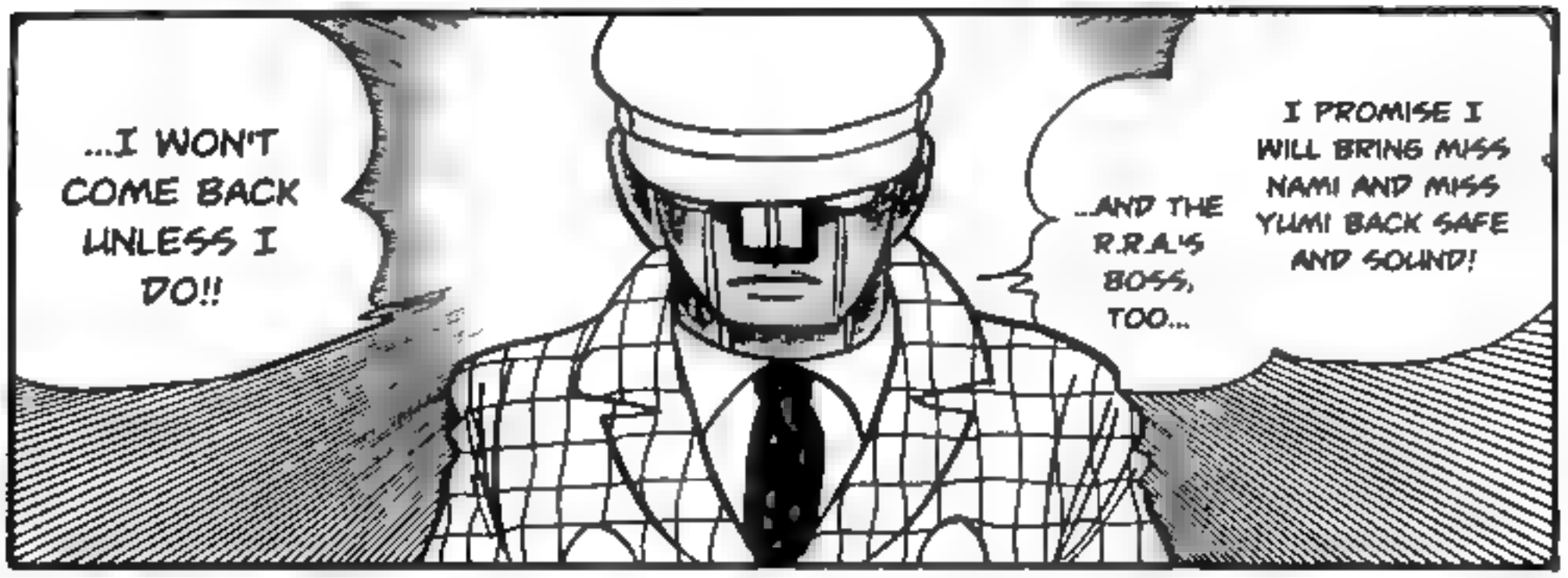
...MR SHIBA...!

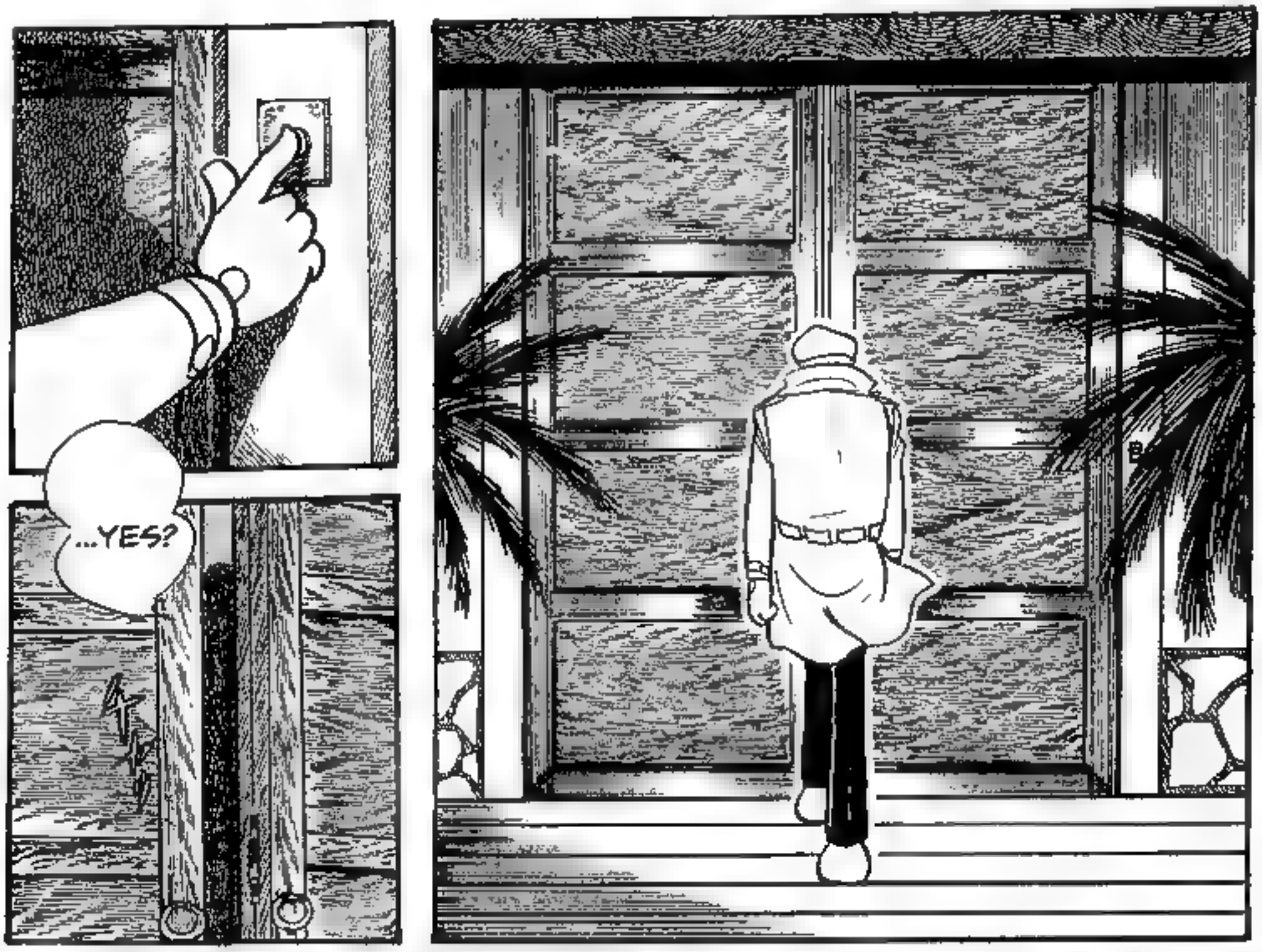
MR SHIBA...!

OF ALL THE COWARDLY... NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, I... I...!!

HRK...!! SHIT...

THAT ASSHOLE!!


...I WON'T COME BACK UNLESS I DO!!
...AND THE R.R.A.'S BOSS, TOO...
I PROMISE I WILL BRING MISS NAMI AND MISS YUMI BACK SAFE AND SOUND!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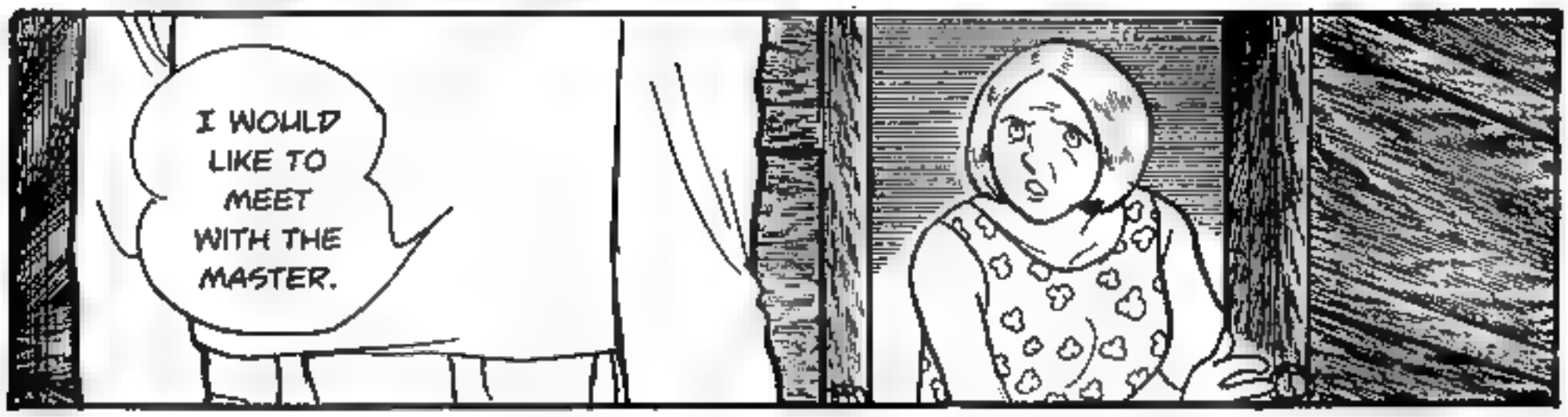
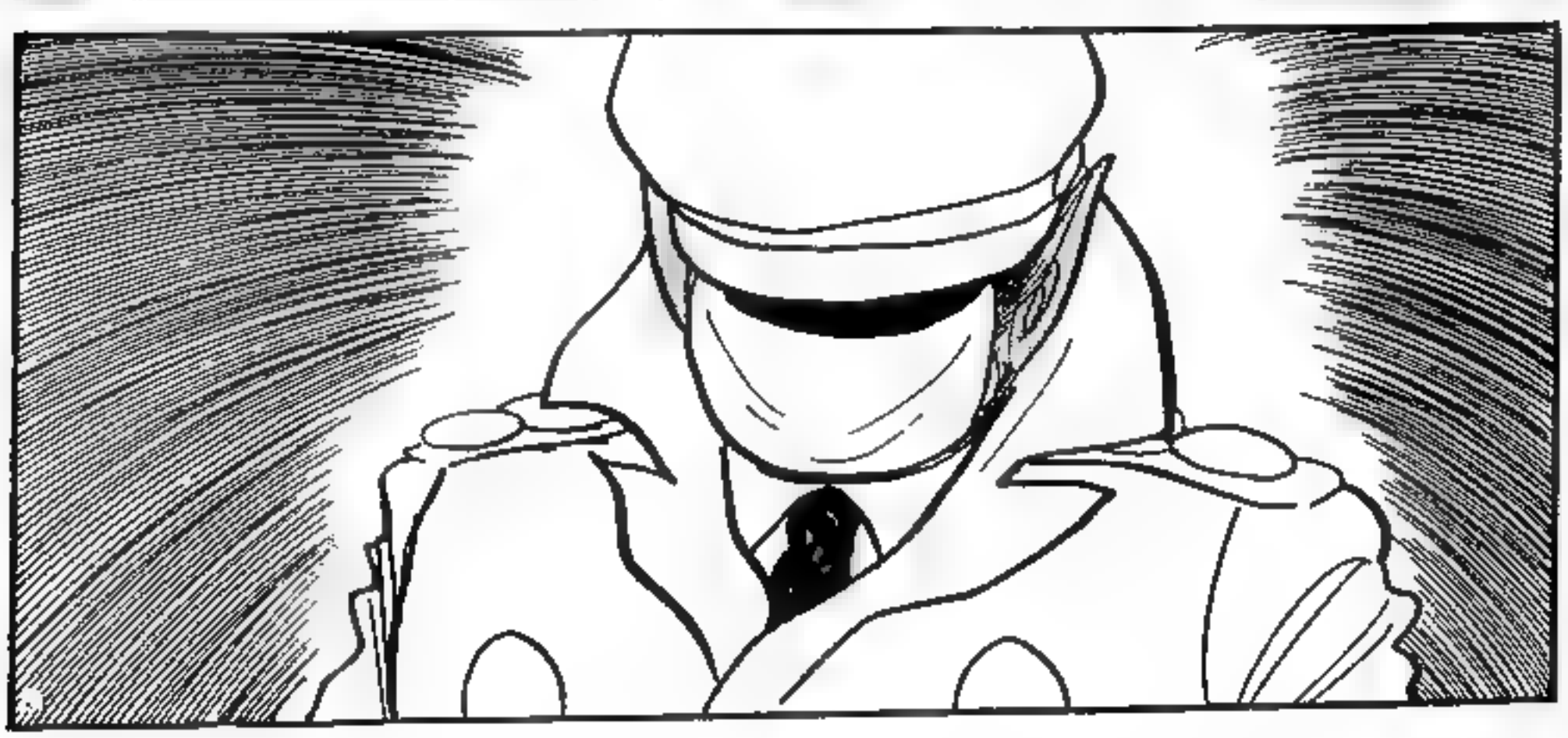
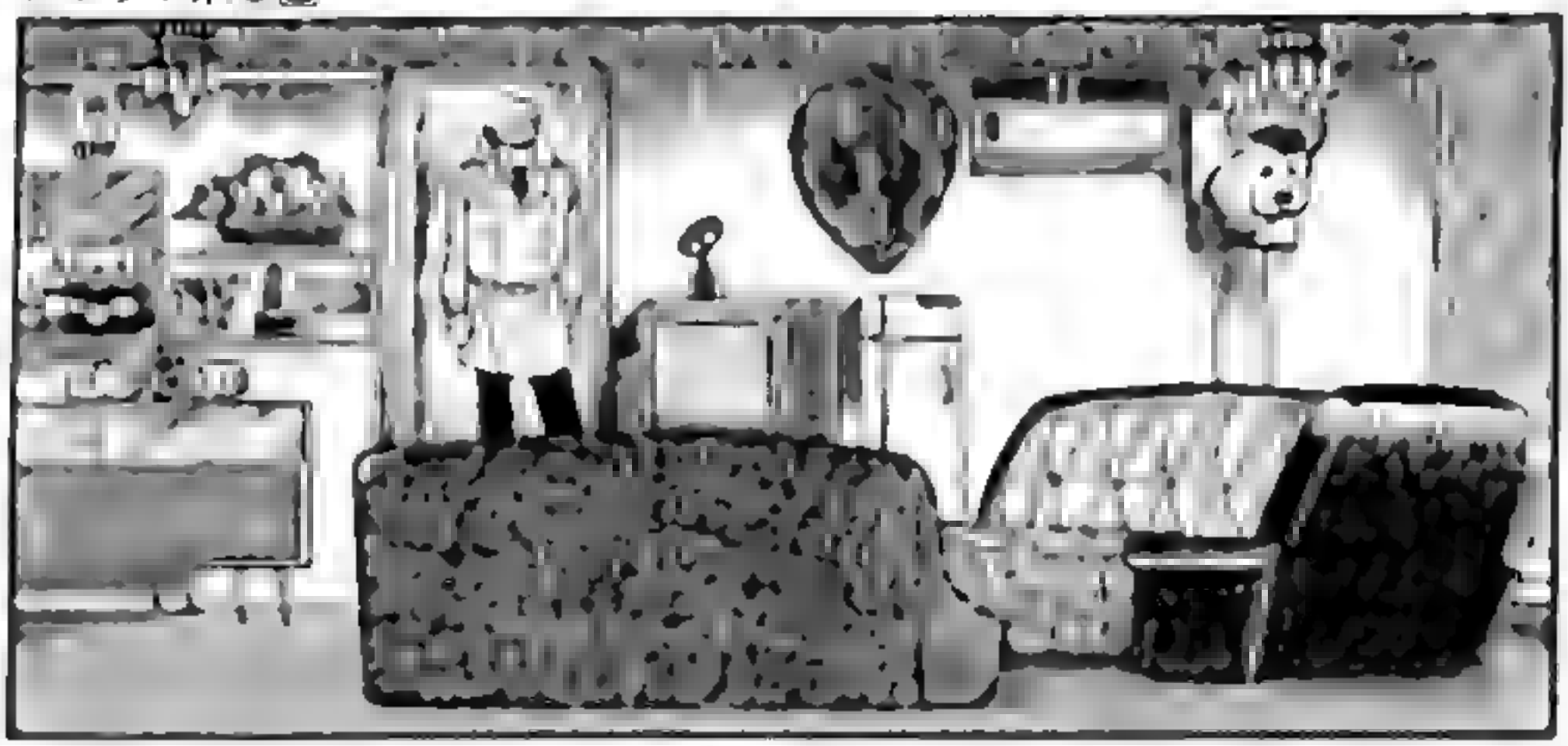
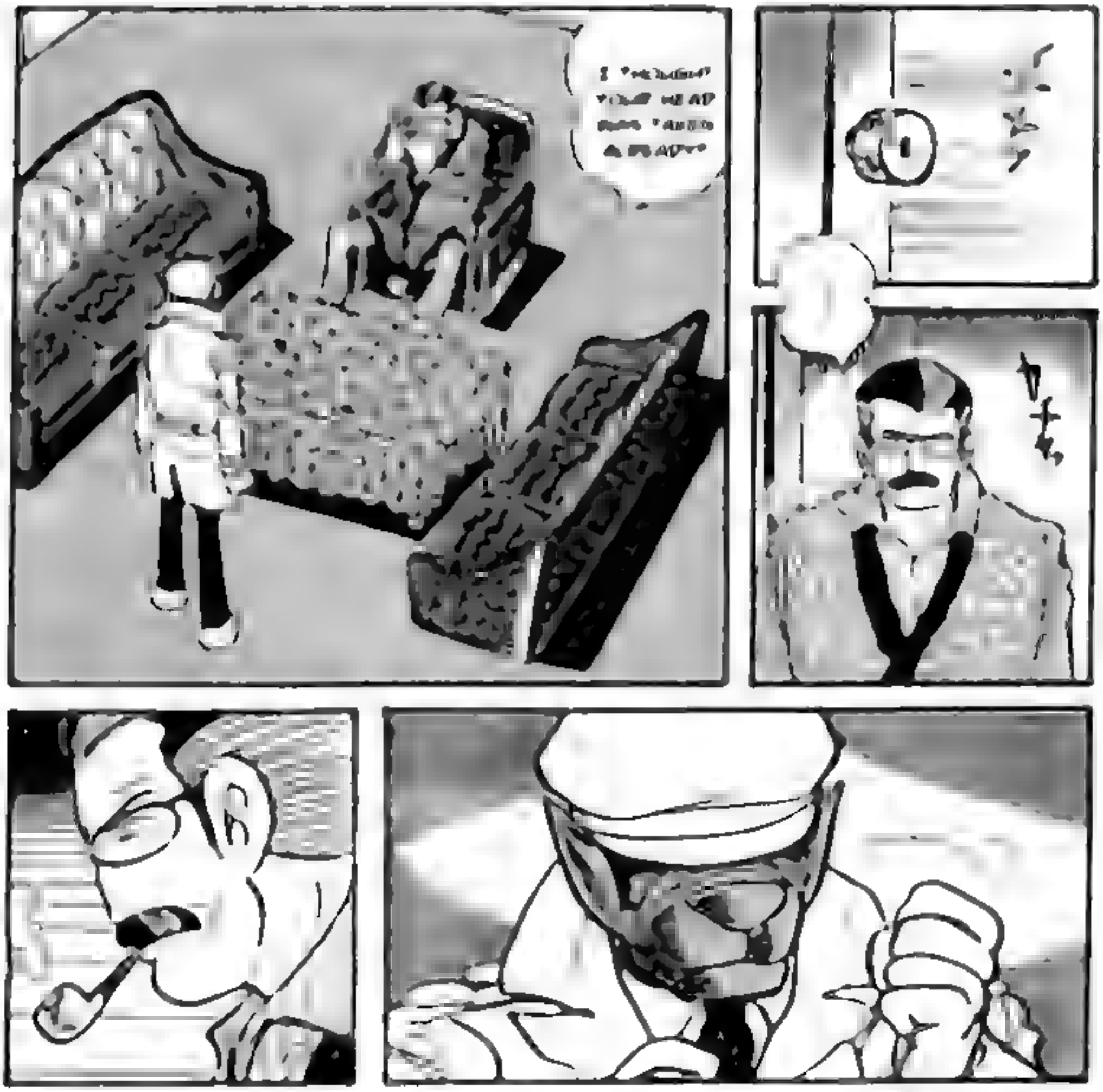

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE MASTER.







...OHH?!

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BUT I AM ROBOT DETEC-TIVE K OF THE TOKYO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

...I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

MR. YUUKI. I AM SURE YOU HAVE ALREADY REALIZED...

...WELL, IN THAT CASE, I WILL SKIP TO THE END.

WHAT?

MR. YUUKI, PLEASE TELL ME THE WHEREA-BOUTS OF THE R.R.A.'S HEAD-QUARTERS!

..I SEE. SO YOU WANT TO HEAR WHERE THE R.R.A.'S HEADQUARTERS IS...
SO YOU CAN SAVE DETECTIVE SHIBA'S TWO DAUGHTERS, IS THAT RIGHT?
W...
WHAT?!
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
EH... HEH HEH... I KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW!
WANNA KNOW WHY?
YOU... CAN'T BE?!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, K!
OH, BUT I CAN!

KIRISHIMA RYUUJI!

I'M THE BOSS OF THE R.R.A....

WELL THEN WHY DON'T I TELL YOU... BIG SIS CONTACTED ME!

EH HEH HEH... WHAT'S THE MATTER, K? ARE YOUR VOICE CIRCUITS ALL CLOUDED UP?

SHE'S GOT NO IDEA WHERE I AM!

HEH... WELL, THAT SAID... NOT TO WORRY. I'M SAYING THIS TO REIKO'S CREDIT, BUT...

AND I HAPPENED TO CATCH THAT LITTLE TRANS-MISSION!

TELLING ME THAT SHE'D TOLD EVERYTHING TO YOU AND SHIBA AND TO TURN MYSELF IN!

SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE... WHICH IS WHY SHE TRANSMITTED RADIO SIGNALS IN A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!

..

T-THAT IS RIGHT! MOTHER IS RIGHT!

PLEASE STOP COMMITTING CRIMES! TURN YOURSELF IN...

RYUUJI!!

BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO FRIENDLY WITH ME... ESPECIALLY AS A ROBOT!!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU FINALLY FOUND YOUR VOICE, MUH, K!

I'LL RETURN SHIBA'S DAUGHTERS SAFE AND SOUND... SO LONG AS YOU COME OVER TO MY SIDE!

SEE, THE REASON I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR YOU IS TO MAKE A LITTLE DEAL!

I... I CAN'T...

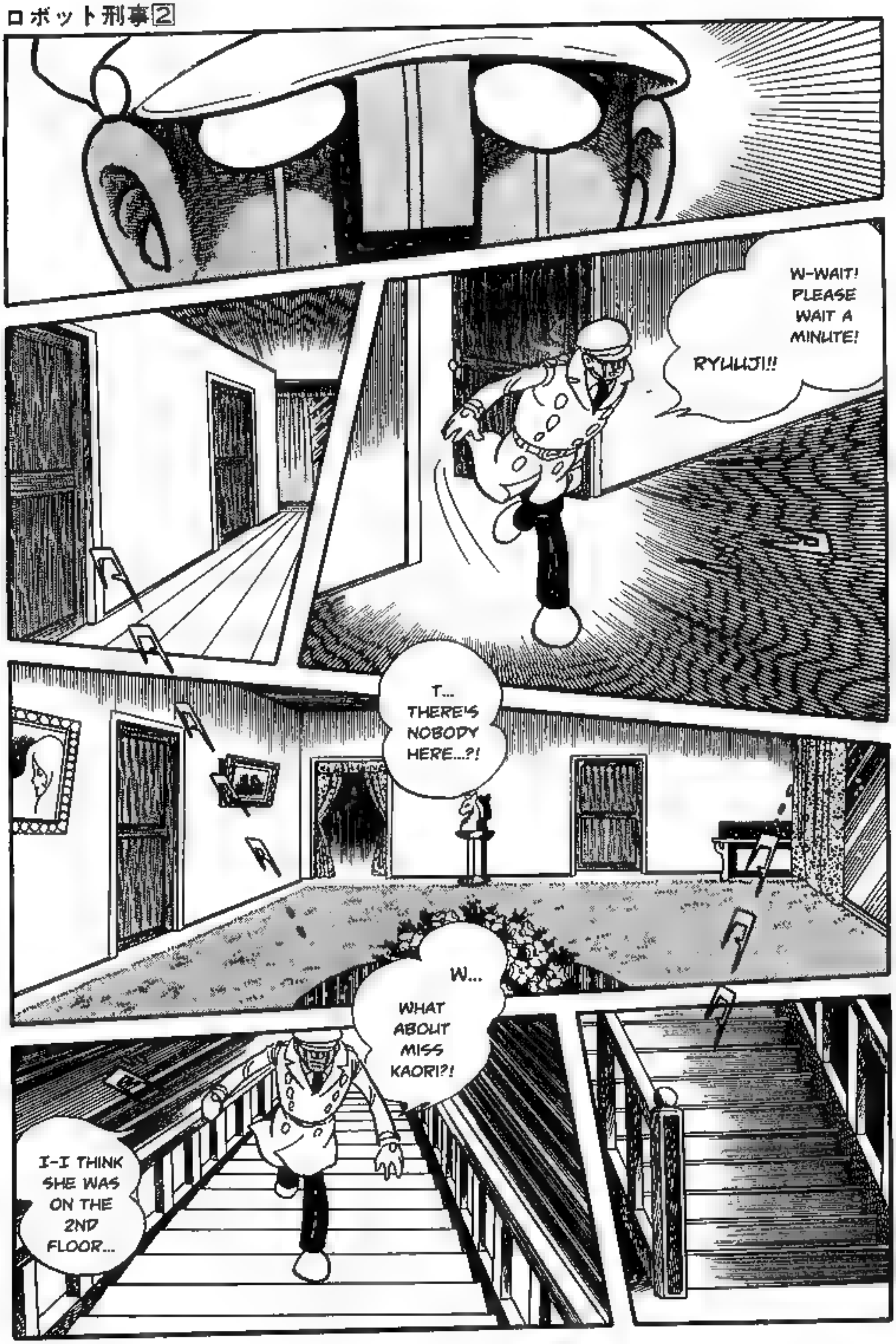
K! BECOME PART OF THE R.R.A.!!

MEET ME TOMORROW AT KAMINOMAGO ISLAND... ALONE!!

I'LL GIVE YOU THE DAY TO THINK ABOUT IT!

HEH... EH HAH HAH HAH HAH...

WELL THEN, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, K!


W-WAIT! PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE!
RYUUJI!!
T... THERE'S NOBODY HERE...?!
W... WHAT ABOUT MISS KAORI?!
I-I THINK SHE WAS ON THE 2ND FLOOR...

IN THIS ROOM ...!!

MISS KAORI...

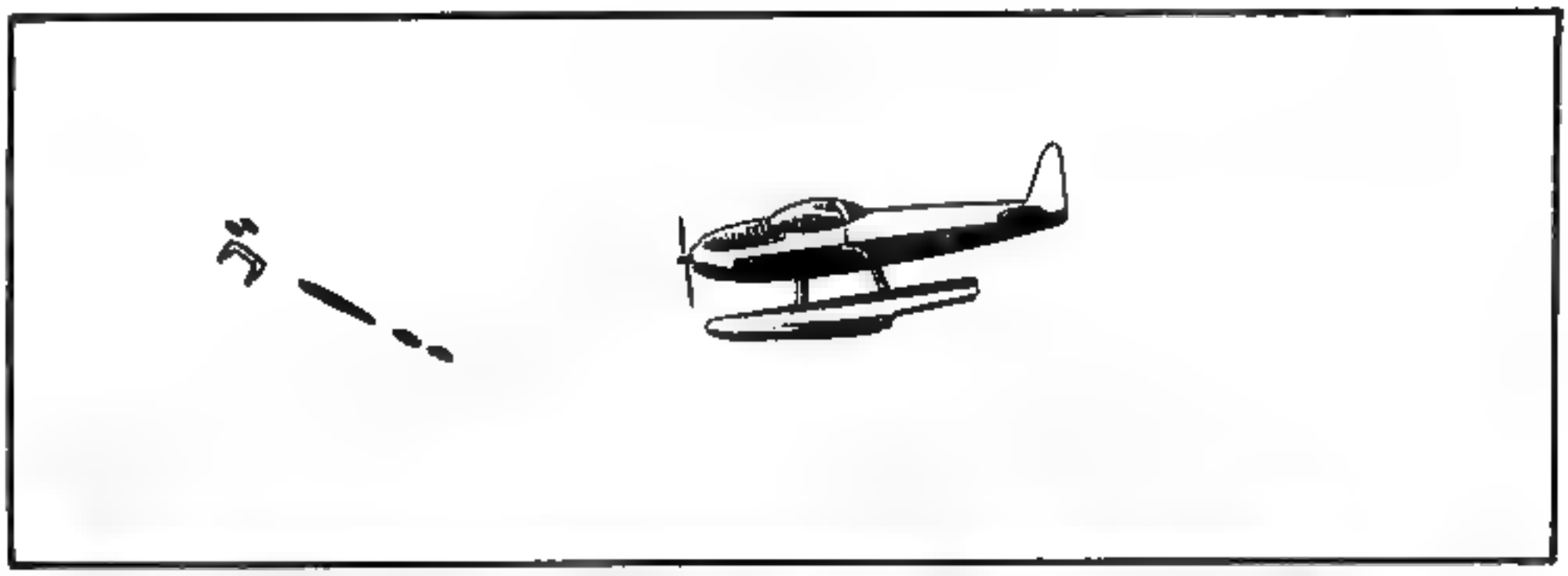
AH?!

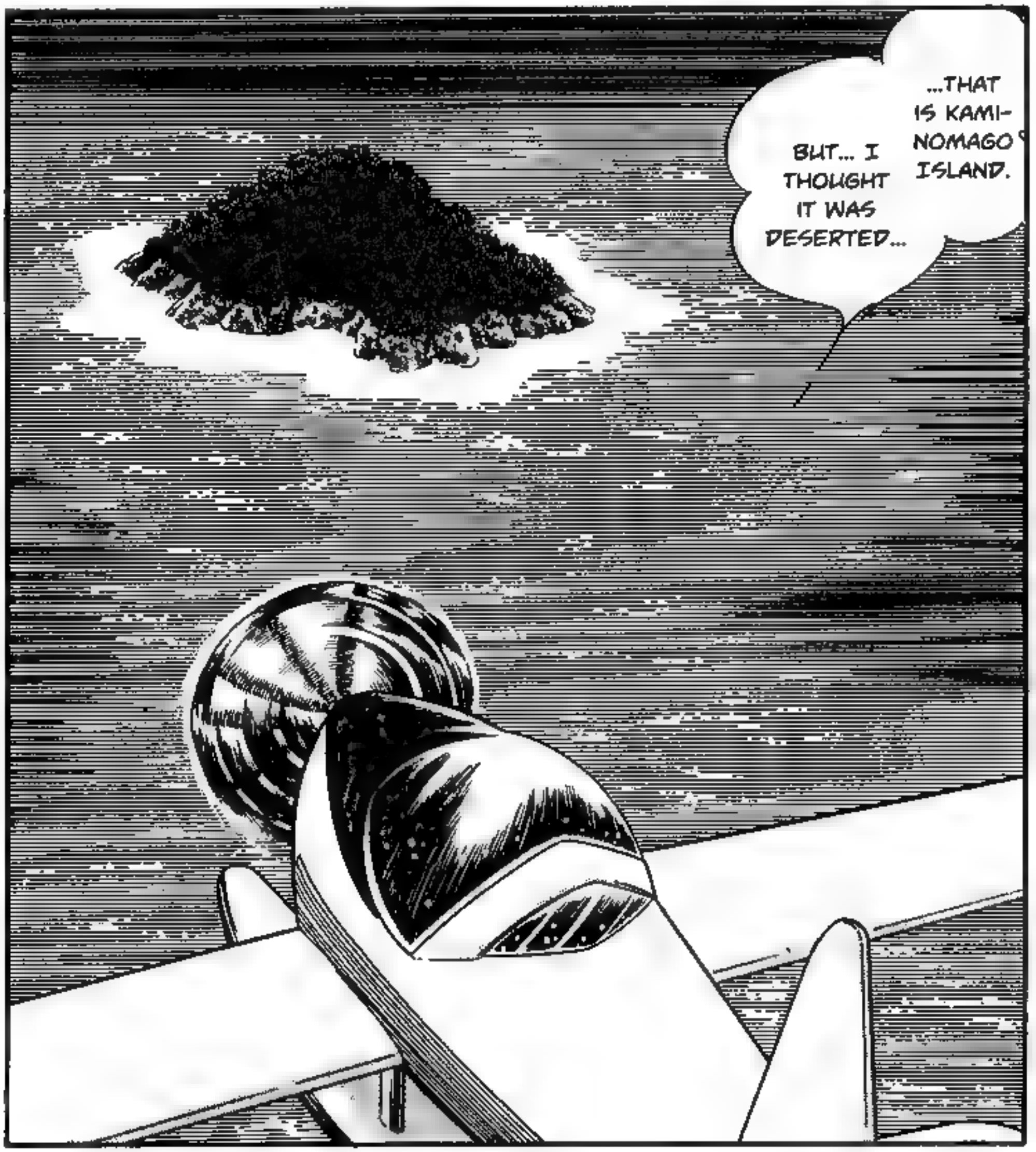
T/N KAMINOMAGO MEANS "GRANDCHILD OF GOD"

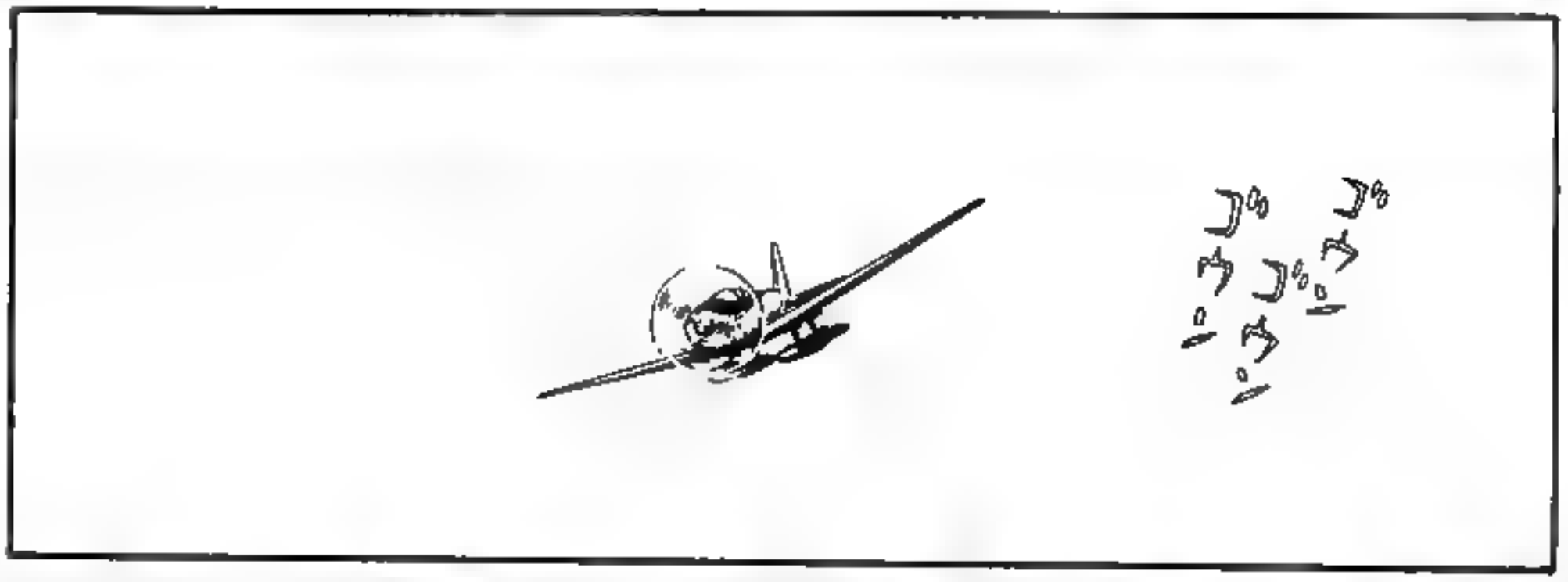
JUST AS I'D EXPECT, K! VERY IMPRESSIVE! THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I WANT YOU ON MY SIDE!

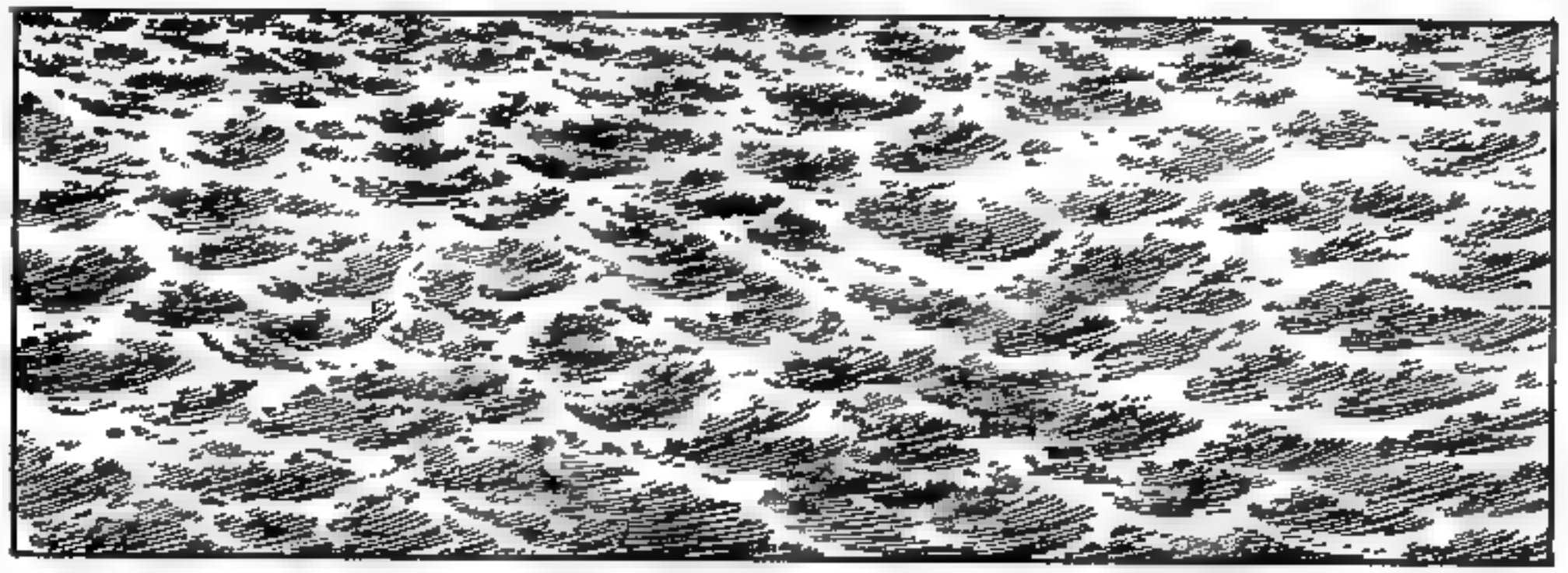
I'LL BE WAITING ON KAMINOMAGO ISLAND!!

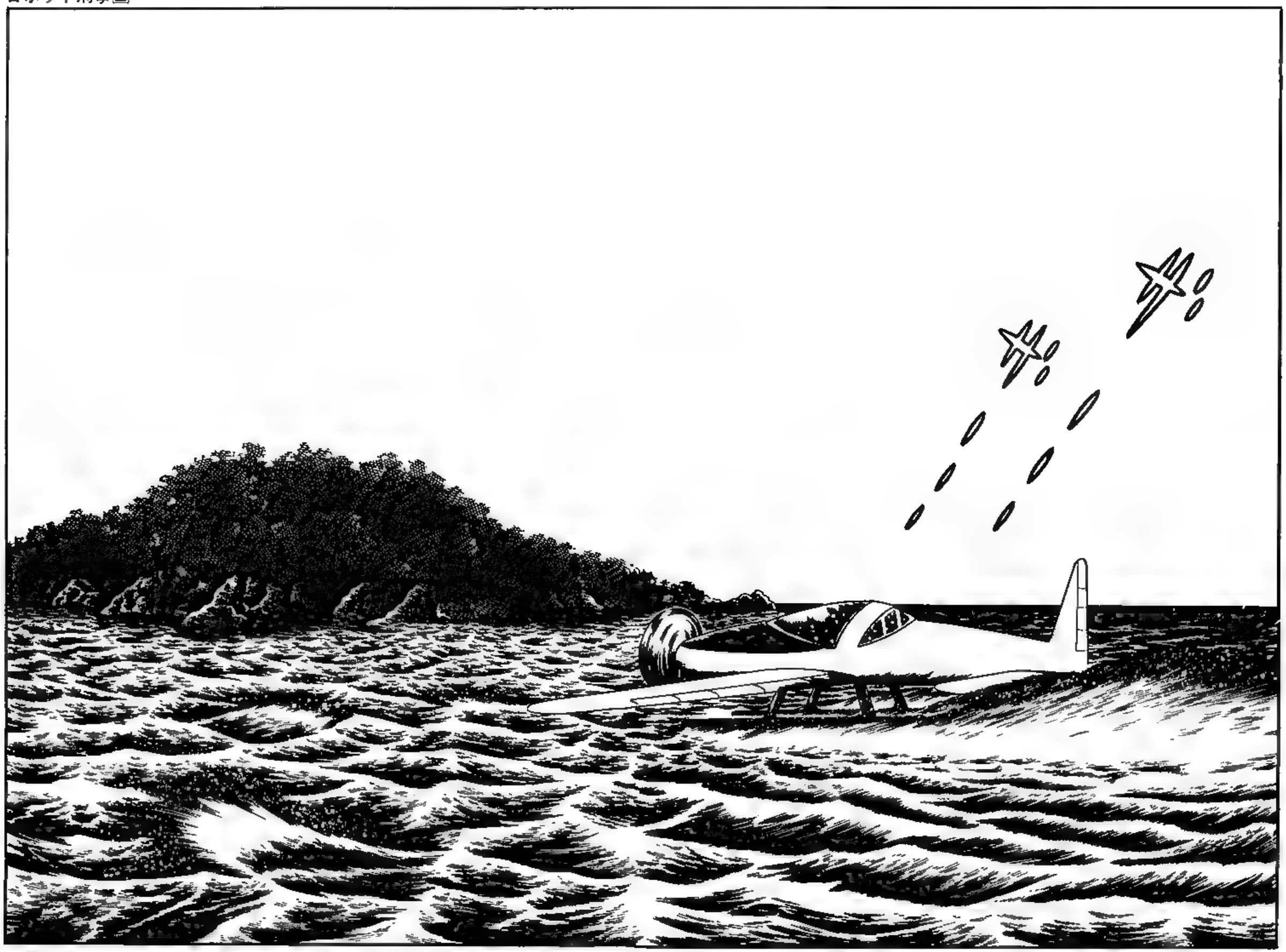
KAMI-NOMAGO... / ISLAND...




...THAT IS KAMI-NOMAGO ISLAND.
BUT... I THOUGHT IT WAS DESERTED...







RRRR-GHH...

IT IS DANGER-OUS UP AHEAD, SO MR SHIBA, PLEASE WAIT HERE FOR ME.

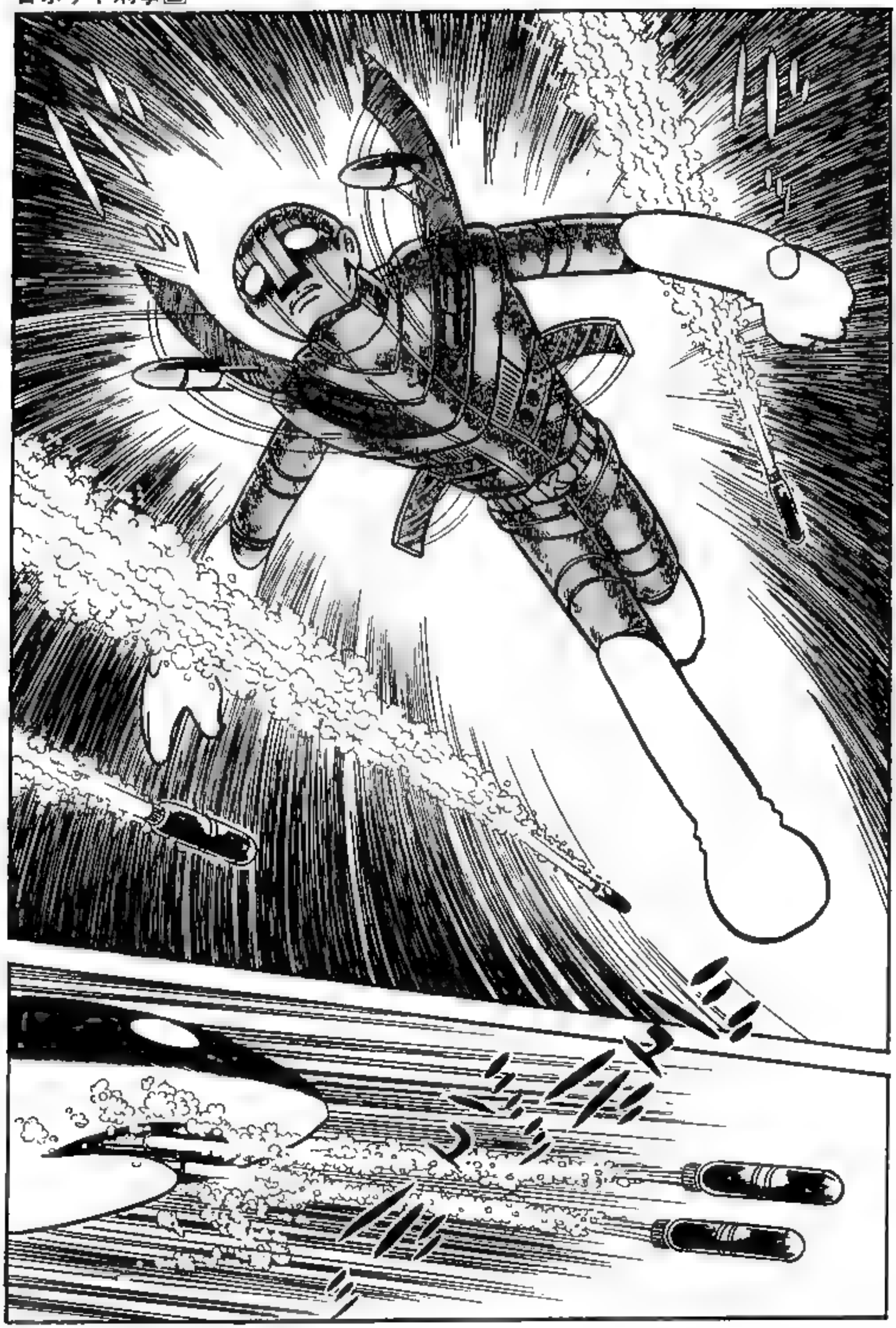
...THEY HAVE MORE THAN LIKELY ALREADY SPOTTED US.

...I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...

[illegible] YOU WITH ME WOULD ONLY HOLD ME BACK!

I-I'M COUNTING ON YOU, K!!

..I KNEW FROM THE START THEY'D TRY TO LURE ME HERE AND DESTROY ME!!



ALL THIS TIME, I HAD THOUGHT...
THAT I SHOULD TRY TO BE AS MUCH LIKE A HUMAN AS I COULD.

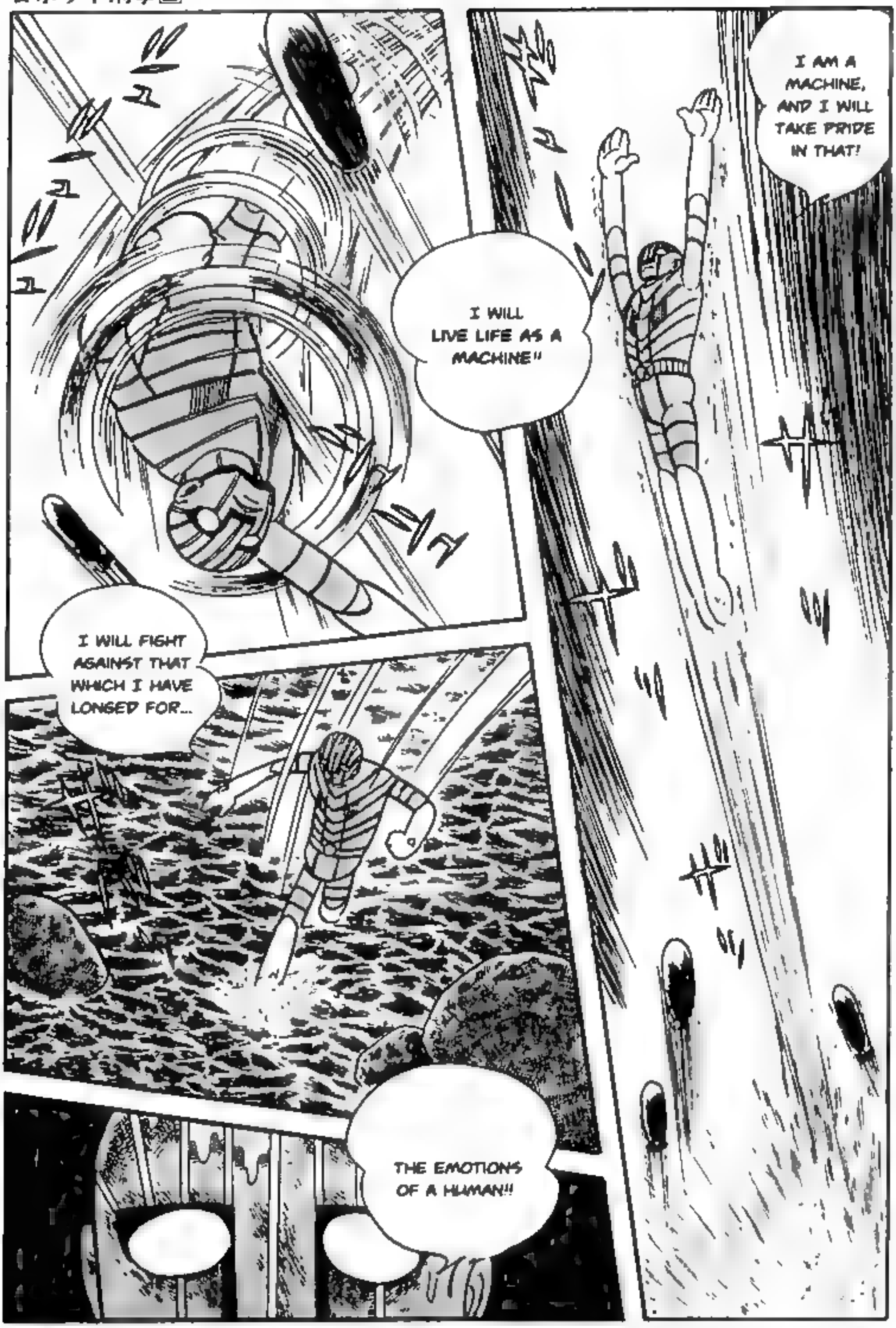
..WHICH IS WHY I DID NOT WANT TO FIGHT MY BATTLES LIKE A MACHINE!

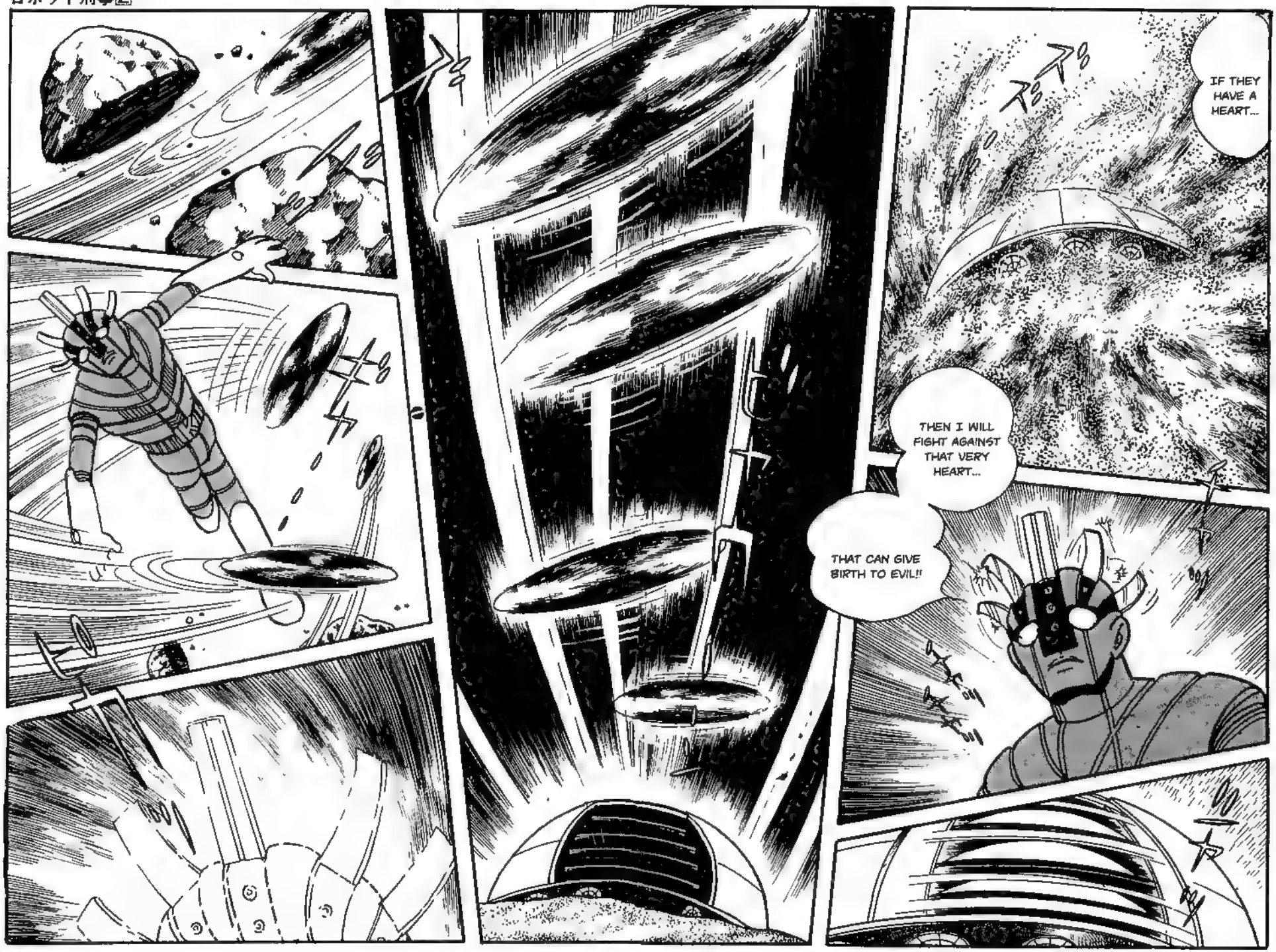
BUT NOW... I AM FINE WITH IT!

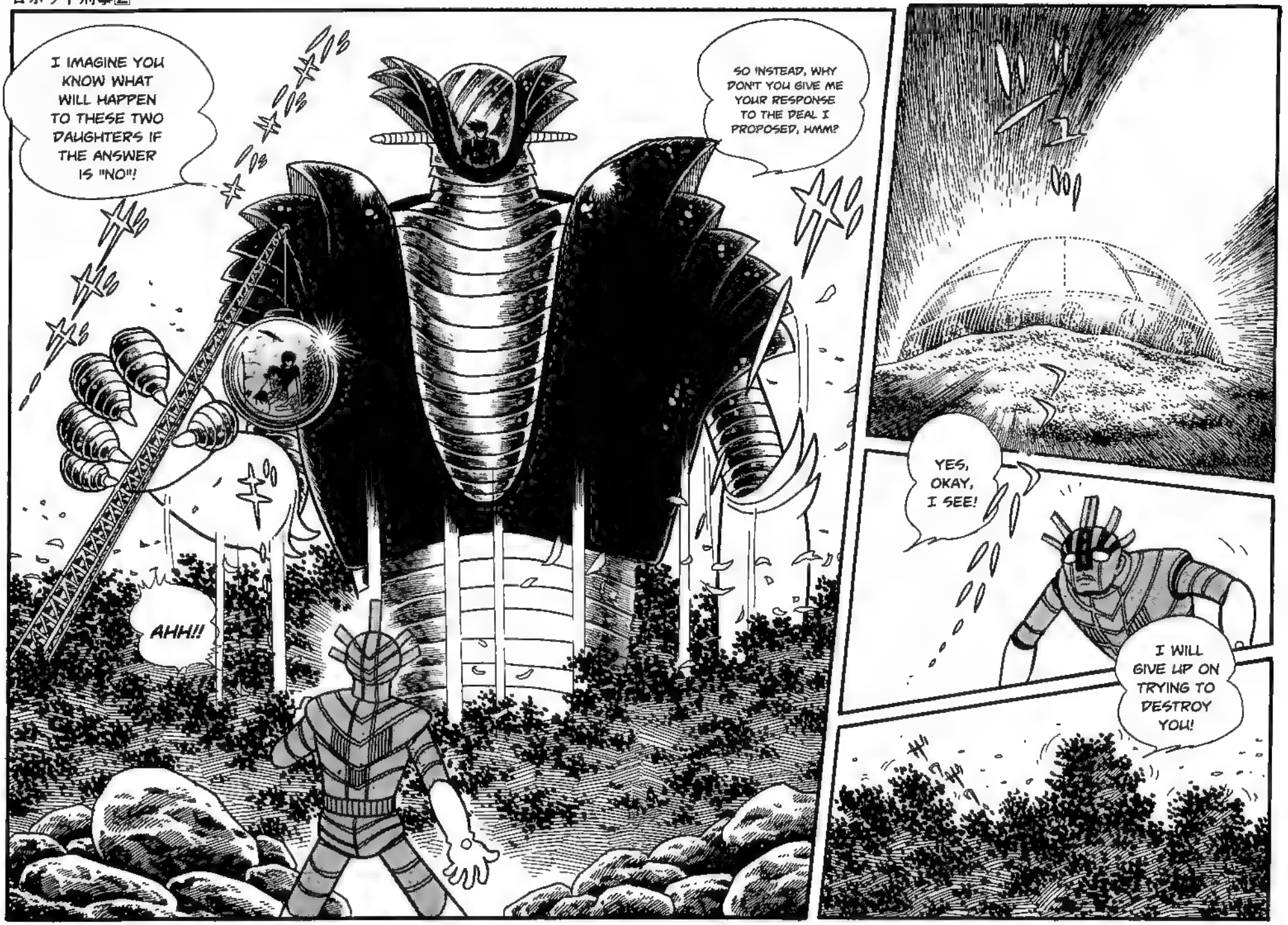
IT IS TRUE THAT HUMANS FAR SURPASS MACHINES IN SOME AREAS...

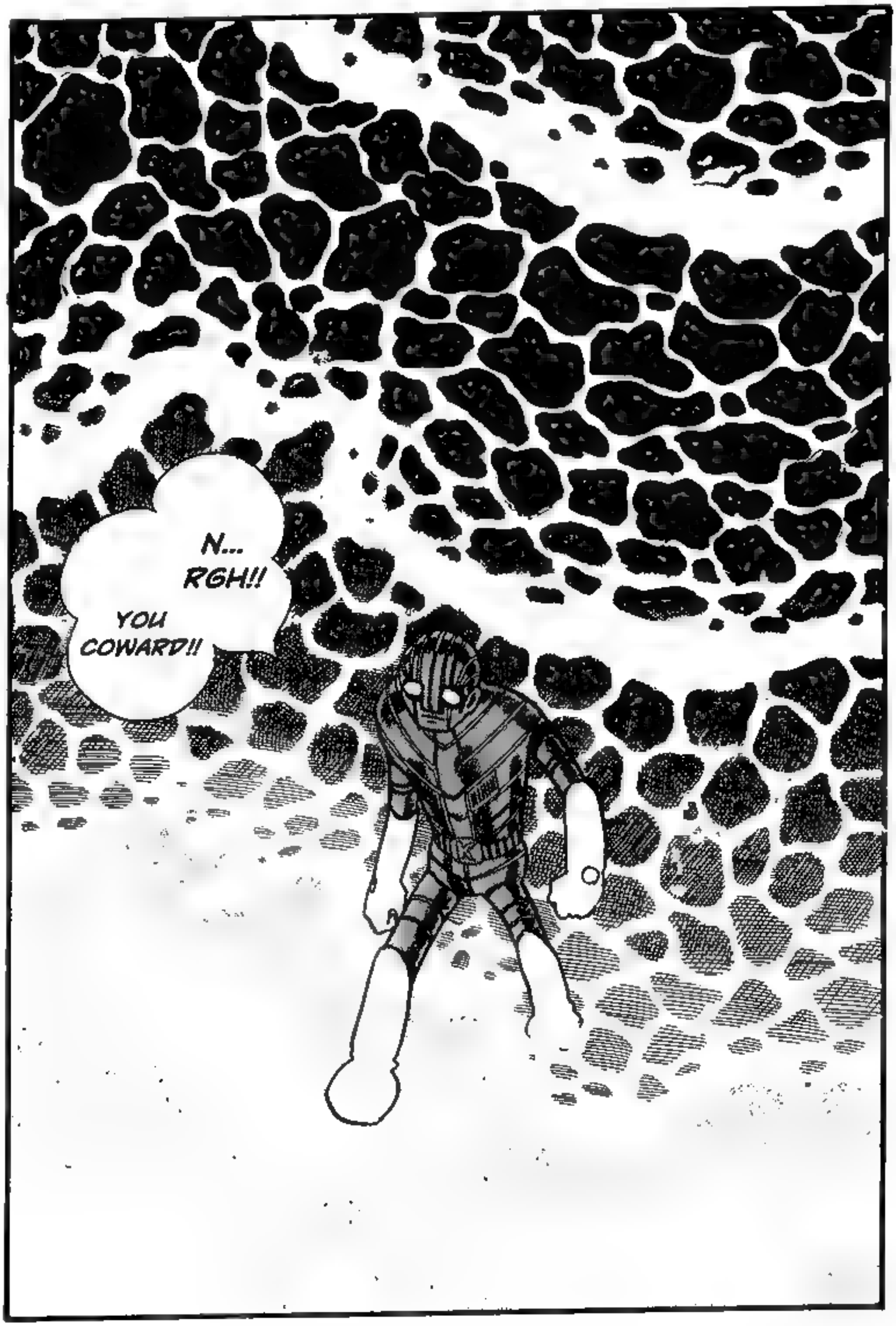
BUT... THEY ARE WEAK IN OTHER AREAS... AND I NOW KNOW THAT THEY HAVE DEPLORABLE SIDES TO THEM AS WELL!!

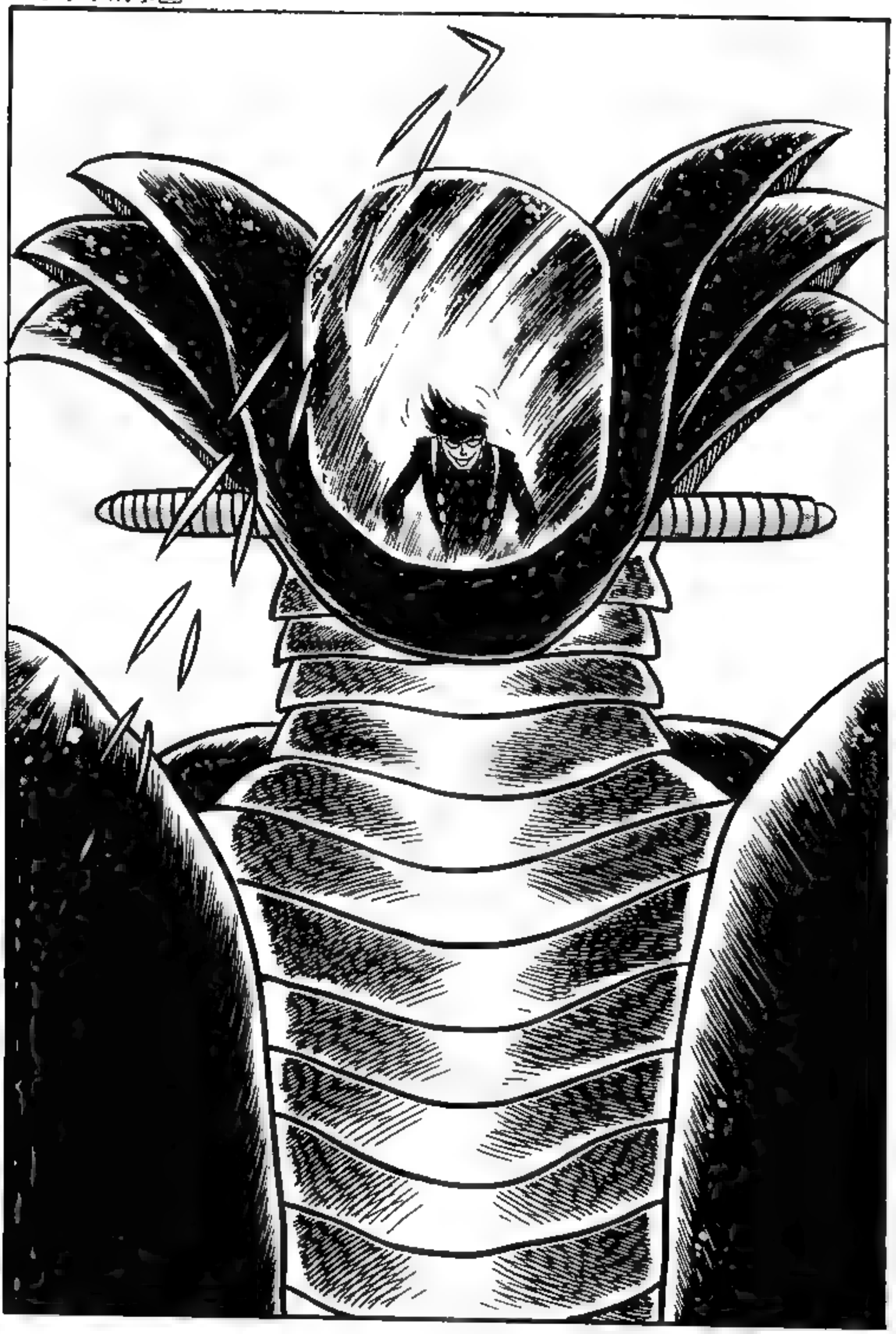
I WILL NO LONGER TRY AND LIVE LIKE A HUMAN!!


I AM A MACHINE, AND I WILL TAKE PRIDE IN THAT!
I WILL LIVE LIFE AS A MACHINE"
I WILL FIGHT AGAINST THAT WHICH I HAVE LONGED FOR...
THE EMOTIONS OF A HUMAN!!


IF THEY HAVE A HEART...
THEN I WILL FIGHT AGAINST THAT VERY HEART...
THAT CAN GIVE BIRTH TO EVIL!!


I IMAGINE YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THESE TWO DAUGHTERS IF THE ANSWER IS "NO"!
SO INSTEAD, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME YOUR RESPONSE TO THE DEAL I PROPOSED, HMM?
AHH!!
YES, OKAY, I SEE!
I WILL GIVE UP ON TRYING TO DESTROY YOU!


N...
RGH!!
YOU
COWARD!!



RIGHT NOW, THERE IS OXYGEN FLOWING INTO THIS GLASS SPHERE!
BUT IF YOUR ANSWER IS "NO", I CAN FLIP A SWITCH AND INSTANTLY MAKE IT A VACUUM!!
A GOOD DEAL ALWAYS FULFILLS TWO GOALS AT ONCE!
MM... MM-HA-HA-HA!! YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT...
NOW, WHAT DO YOU SAY?!
...I IMAGINE YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO HUMANS INSIDE A VACUUM, YES? HEH HEH HEH...

I WILL BECOME YOUR SUBORDINATE FROM NOW ON...! SO PLEASE, QUICKLY...

MY ANSWER... IS "YES"!

O... OF COURSE... JUST AS YOU WISH...

NOT UNTIL I'VE REMOVED "ASIMOV'S 3 LAWS OF ROBOTICS" FROM YOUR CODING!!

BUT... DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME! OUR DEAL'S NOT OVER YET!

HAH... HAHAHA! I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!

GOOOOD, STAY RIGHT THERE! I'M COMING RIGHT OVER!

YOU... YOU CAN'T, KEI!!

M-MISS KAORI?!

I WON'T LET YOU S-SELL YOUR SOUL LIKE THIS...

YOU PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T DO BAD THINGS LIKE THIS ANYMORE, BUT...!!

FATHER.. YOU PROM-ISED ME!

I AM BLIND... SO I CAN TELL WHO SOME-ONE IS BY THEIR VOICE!

NO! IT'S HIM!!

T-THAT MAN IS NOT YOUR FATHER!!

N-NO! MISS KAORI!

BUT KAORI!

HOW DID YOU GET OUTSIDE?!

Y-YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! KAORI'S MY DAUGHTER OF 18 YEARS!!

NNNGH...

WHAT?!

I... KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING, NOW.

F-FATHER... PLEASE DO NOT JUST THINK OF ME AS A BLIND CHILD WHO CAN'T SEE!!

I AM KEI'S HOSTAGE NOW! SO MAKE ONE OF THOSE DEALS YOU LOVE SO MUCH...

IN EX-CHANGE FOR ME!!

NOW, PLEASE, FATHER... GIVE THOSE TWO BACK TO KEI...

AH!
M-MISS KAORI?!!
EEEE EEEEE!!
WAUGH!!!
Y-YOU IDIOT!! WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING?!
M-MISS KAORI...!!
N... NO...

THAT ROBOT CAR HAD AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN... IT WAS ONLY FOLLOWING THE ORDERS YOU GAVE IT!!

W... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

BUT YOU JUST KILLED HER YOURSELF!!

N... HNNH !!

D... DON'T MOVE!!

IT WAS YOUR COM-MAND!!

HE... HE'S INSANE ...!!

I'LL KILL ALL THREE OF US!!

NN... HNNNGH! N-NOW THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED... I... I'LL TAKE THESE GIRLS ALONG WITH ME!!

RYUUJI!!

PLEASE STOP, RYUUJI!

MOTHER?!

YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO HATE THE WORLD... TO HATE HUMANS!

WHEN YOU YOURSELF ARE MUCH MORE WORTHY OF THAT HATE!!

...YOU ARE WRONG... AND BESIDES!!

R... REIKO?!

R... REIKO!!

NOW, K!

IF YOU MAKE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT... I WILL KILL YOU AT THAT MOMENT!!

QUICKLY BRING THEM BOTH HERE!!

Y- YES!

... RYU- UJI!

THE ONE WHO MADE THOSE BURNS ON MY FACE... WAS YOU!!

RYUUUJI... LET ME TELL YOU PROPERLY, THIS TIME!

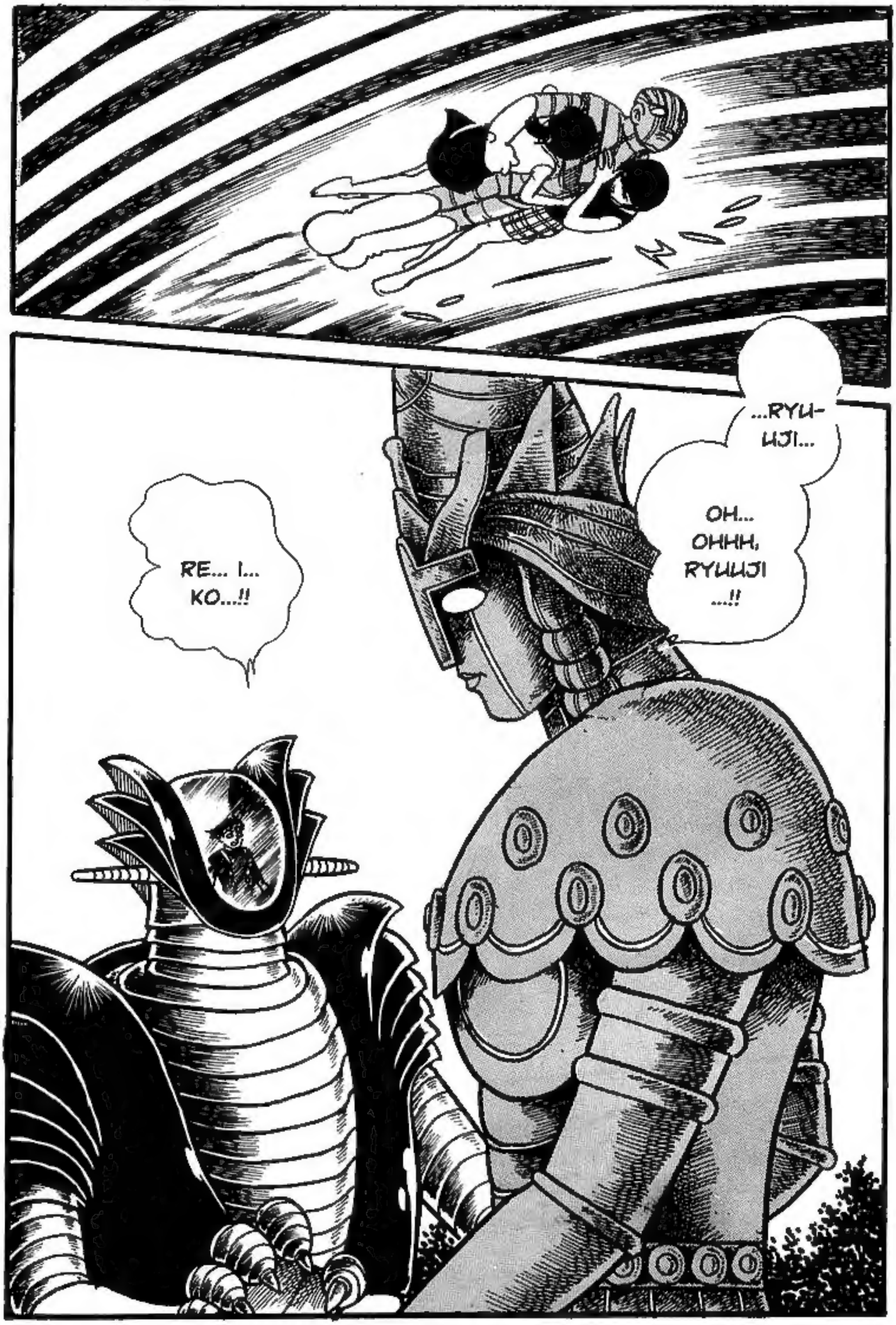
W...

WHAT?!

YES... IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT.

...MO-THER!

QUICKLY... TAKE THEM AWAY, K!!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OH...
OHHH,
RYUUUJI
....!!
RE... I...
KO...!!

MOOOOOOTEEERU!!!

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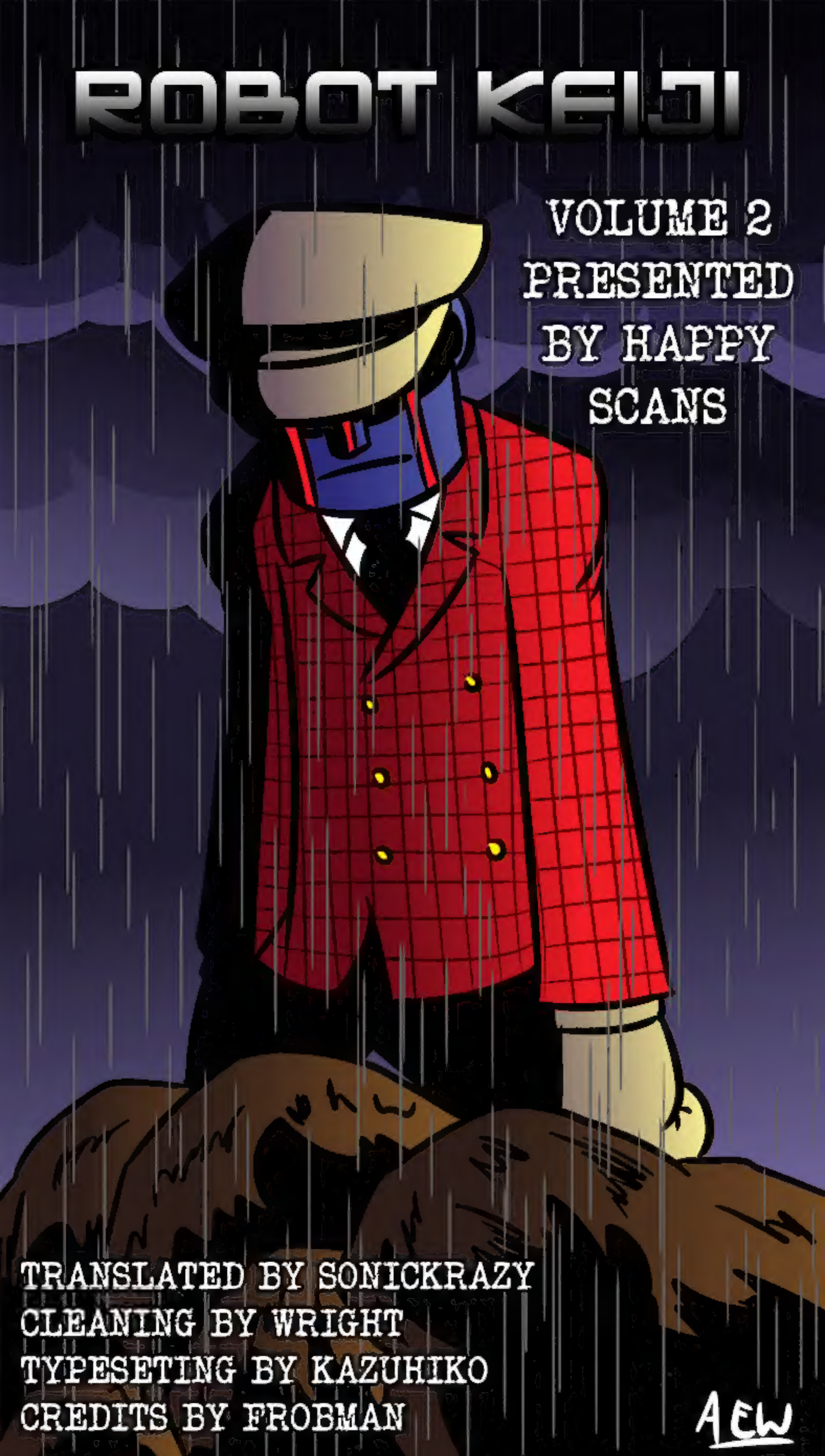

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